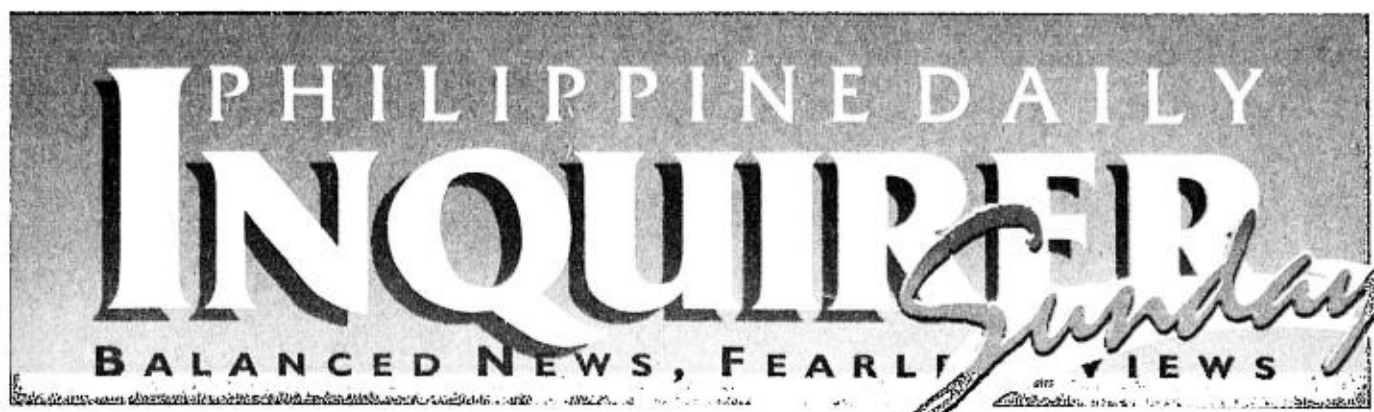


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318,000 people displaced

Pimentel urges GMA to have US broker peace

AS MANY as 318,000 civilians have been displaced by the renewed military offensives in Mindanao, according to Sen. Aquilino Pimentel.

The senator issued a statement condemning the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo for the "large-scale military operations that have actually wreaked havoc on the lives of thousands of innocent civilians." He said the displaced families had sought refuge in evacuation centers in the Lanao and Cotabato provinces as well as Zamboanga del Norte.

Pimentel reiterated his call to the President to immediately order a halt to the offensives and agree to US-mediated peace talks with the secessionist Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

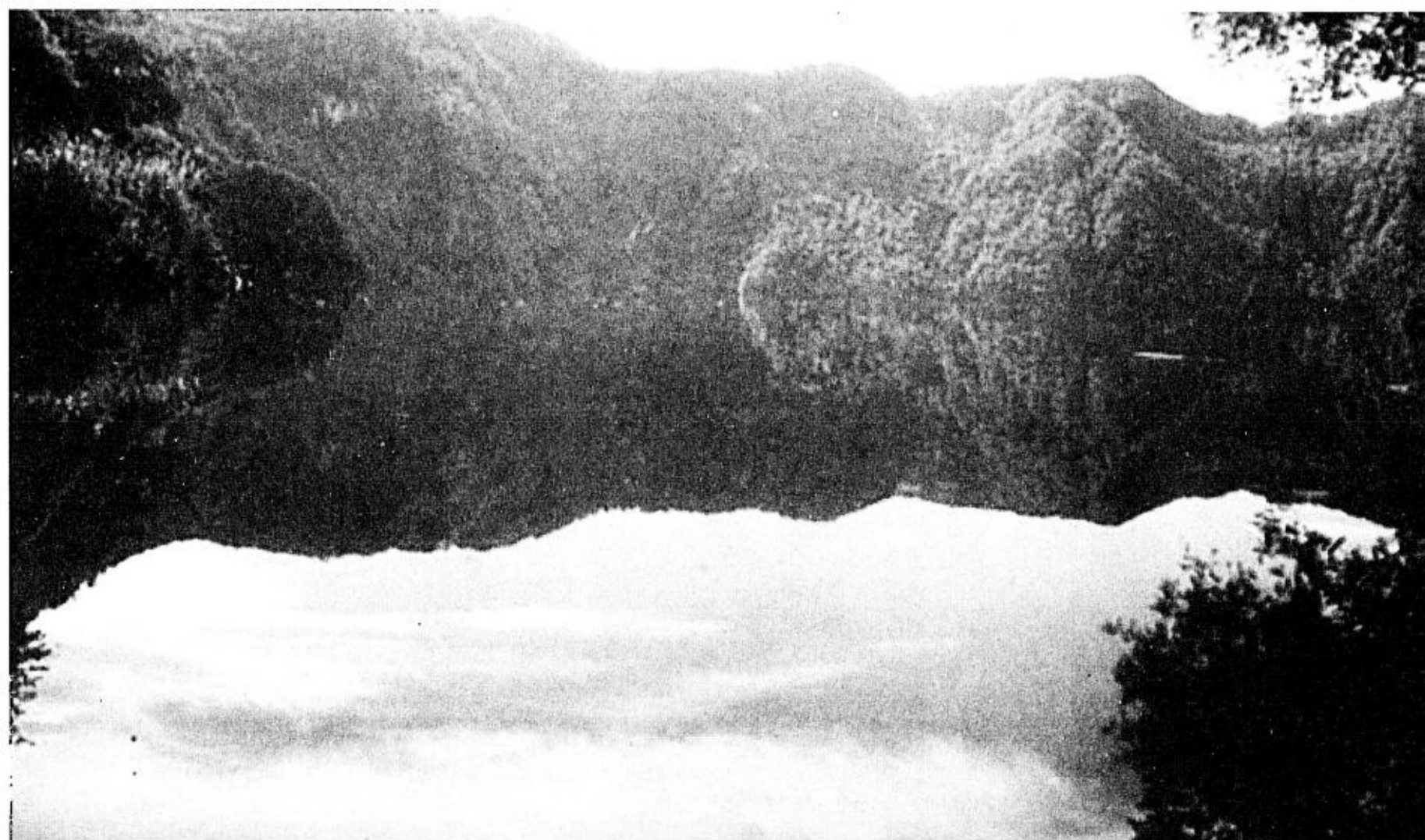
He had been pushing the idea of a US role in the Mindanao peace process, and said early last week that Muslim religious leaders were supportive of it.

Pimentel pointed out that Ms. Macapagal's decision to cut short her visit to the United States in order to attend to the peace and order situation in the South was her way of making "amends" for the fresh offensives.

"The President will probably inform the people that the military operations that she had ordered would now wind down after having accomplished their purpose, which was to create the impression in Washington that she is tough on terrorists," the senator said.

He said the need to make that impression was indicated by the President's ordering the bombing of "embedded terrorist cells" in Mindanao

318,000/ A22



A PORTRAIT of tranquility today, Lake Maughan belies the tragedy it wrought in 1995 when human greed unleashed the might of its rampaging waters killing 185 people. Ensnared in the crater of Mt. Parker in T'boli, South Cotabato, the lake is now the center of an annual festival celebrating beauty, nature and the cultural heritage of the T'boli.

Self-cleansing in paradise where debris vanishes

By Aquiles Z. Zonio
PDI Mindanao Bureau

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—The tranquil vista shows no sign of the tragedy that the waters of the 304-hectare Lake Maughan once wrought.

Indeed, the wounds left by the September 1995 flash flood that killed as many as 185 people and displaced a thousand others appear to have healed. But in the hearts of the survivors, the scar remains.

And they remember it well: how bounty hunters searching for the fabled Yamashita treasure blasted the lake's outlet in an attempt to drain it, releasing some 30 million cubic meters of water downstream.

The deluge scooped up boulders and logs along its path and roared through low-lying farms and villages in the provinces of South Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat. Apart from the casualty toll, the damage to crops and property was placed at more than P100 million.

But the horror is lost on the visitor charmed by the unspoiled beauty of the surroundings.

At 4,750 feet above sea level, Maughan nestles in the crater of Mt. Parker, a dormant volcano in the town of T'boli in South Cotabato. (The name T'boli is derived from *tao belil*, meaning "man living on the hills.")

Parker is the highest peak and the longest mountain range in T'boli, straddling the hinterland villages of T'bolok, Datal Dlanag and Salacafe. The towns-

folk call it Melebingoy and consider it a most sacred place.

The crystal-clear Lake Maughan serves as a source of drinking water for mountaineers and visitors joining the "fun climbs" held during the annual festival, and not one of them has complained of falling ill.

The story goes that a climber who had doubted the quality of the water brought a sample for testing and was amazed to learn that it is safe for drinking.

SELF-CLEANSING/ A22

HK euphoric, to make serious money again

HONG KONG was euphoric yesterday after the World Health Organization lifted a seven-week SARS travel advisory, a move residents hope will lead to a turnaround in fortunes for their ravaged economy.

"Hong Kong smiles again," the sensationalistic Chinese-language Apple Daily declared on page one.

"What a difference a day makes," said the English-language South China Morning Post.

Financial Secretary Antony Leung toasted the decision in the Lan Kwai Fong restaurant district. The front page of one newspaper showed Leung grinning outside a bar, beer in hand and two blonde women planting kisses on each

cheek. "Now we need to tell the world, including mainland China, that Hong Kong is a safe city," Leung told reporters on Friday shortly after the Geneva-based WHO dropped the warning against travel.

"It's about time," said Manny Lau, a jewelry shop assistant in the popular tourist shopping district of Tsim Sha

Tsui. "I thought it would be at least a few more weeks, but the sooner the better."

"A lot of our customers are foreign tourists so you can imagine business has been terrible since the WHO advisory. It was a real slap in the face ... but now at least we have hope foreigners will return and hopefully we can start making some

HK/ A20

Raul Locsin; 71: 'The best in the business'

By Elena R. Torrijos
and Alcuin Papa

RAUL Locsin, editor-publisher of the BusinessWorld newspaper, died at 8:20 a.m. yesterday, leaving what his co-workers described as a deep imprint of professionalism and integrity.

Locsin died at 71 at the St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City. The immediate cause of death was massive organ failure from pneumonia, but he had been in and out of hospital for the past year because of kidney and liver problems.

He is survived by six children and his wife Leticia Locsin, his paper's executive editor and chief operating officer.

A 1999 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee for Journalism, Literature and Creative Communication Arts, Locsin was in journalism for over four decades.

In 1967 he founded Business Day, Southeast Asia's first daily newspaper devoted to business and a standard of accuracy during the Marcos regime. The paper's motto: "A newspaper is a public trust."

He closed it in 1987 following a labor dispute, but barely a month later, according to a special report by Antonio Lopez in Asiaweek, loyal workers set up the BusinessWorld Publishing Corp. and urged him to head it.

It is currently the Philippines' main business paper. It was also the first local paper to go on-line, thanks to the computer-literate Locsin.

"For me, he's the best journalist there was. The way he trained us ... he was our mentor and tormentor at the same time,"

RAUL/ A7

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So other babies may live like Jeremaia

By Norman Bordadora

FOUR-YEAR-OLD Jeremaia Matubis, the little girl who was dying of a rare liver ailment when she left for the US three years ago, came home the past week so full of life that she has more than enough to go around.

And her family is going to do just that. On June 15, the Matubis family will launch Life thru Transplants-Biliary Atresia Babies Information, Education and Service Foundation (Life BABIES) in thanksgiving for the series of miracles that happened to their little Jeremaia.

One of the foundation's first beneficiaries is eight-month-old Nicolai Magtibay, the son of an unemployed chemist and a housewife from Parañaque.

Nicolai and his parents—Malvin and Jane—were at the Matubis family's thanksgiving fellowship in Parañaque last Tuesday.

"He looks just like me when I was still sick," Jeremaia said on seeing Nicolai and his thin frame at the Matubis home in San Antonio Village, Parañaque.

Nicolai's parents are now raising P1 million for his medication and liver transplant at the St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City.

The P1-million price tag will only be for Nic's

SO OTHER/ A22



MIRACLE baby Jeremaia Matubis shows off where she was cut up for her liver transplant on arriving home with her mother Jesselou to the delight of her grandfather, Jesus Matubis Jr.

ROGER MARGALLO



A letter a day keeps mama's tears away

By Desiree Caluza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

FORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—Writing more letters to mama won't make a Philippine Military Academy cadet less of a soldier.

This is what PMA officials apparently realized, prompting them to loosen restrictions on the number of letters a PMA cadet could receive.

PMA officials announced during

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

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RP to give OIC evidence vs MILF

By Dona Pazzibugan

THE GOVERNMENT will present evidence of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front's alleged terrorist activities before the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) ministers who will be meeting in Iran next week.

Foreign Secretary Blas Ople, who was invited as a "guest" at the 30th OIC foreign minister's

meeting in Tehran from May 28 to 31, is prepared to discuss the subject if he is asked by the OIC,

said Rigoberto Tiglao, President Macapagal-Arroyo's chief of staff.

Tiglao said the issue of the MILF's alleged terrorist activities is not on the agenda of the OIC meeting but the government expects the ministers to ask Ople about this at the sidelines of the conference.

The OIC, through the Committee of the Eight, is monitoring the peace talks between the government and Moro separatist rebels.

Philippine agenda

Tiglao, in an interview yesterday, said Ople and Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Eduardo Ermita "will present our proof that the MILF or its people have been undertaking terrorist activities."

He said the agenda was not to convince the OIC that the MILF should be declared a terrorist group, but for Ople to make a formal presentation of the govern-

ment's efforts at implementing its peace agreement with the Moro National Liberation Front and its efforts at forging peace with the MILF.

When she ordered the "selective" bombing of MILF lairs in Mindanao last May 16, President Macapagal had vowed to bring the government's case against the MILF before the OIC.

The government had also threatened to declare the MILF a terrorist organization for its alleged perpetration of the series of raids and bombings in Mindanao.

Tiglao said the Philippine delegation has to follow the agenda set by the OIC. It will bring up the proposed terrorist label on the MILF "only if we're asked."

Observer status

For the first time, the OIC invited the Philippine foreign secretary to its annual ministerial summit. Iranian Foreign Minister Ka-

mal Kharazi, who chairs the meeting, extended the invitation to Ople, who promptly accepted it.

Philippine officials have attended previous OIC meetings, but not as guests.

Good sign

It is the MILF, not the Philippine government, which enjoys "observer" status in the OIC. As such, the MILF may address OIC meetings but is not allowed to vote.

But Department of Foreign Affairs spokesperson Victoriano Lecaros is hopeful the Philippines will soon be accorded observer status and sees the unprecedented invitation for Ople to attend the Tehran meeting as a good sign.

Having a voice within the OIC is specially important to the Philippines because of the Moro secessionist movement in Mindanao.

In April last year, President Macapagal sent Ermita to Saudi Arabia to "lay the groundwork" for the Philippines to obtain observer status in the OIC.

Countries' support

Lecaros said several OIC member countries have expressed support for the Philippines, including Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei.

Tehran's invitation to Ople came on the heels of the OIC Committee of the Eight's fact-finding mission to the Philippines last month which checked on the implementation of the peace agreement with the MILF and the peace efforts with the MILF.

According to Tiglao, the invitation to Ople was "actually a signal that (the OIC is) very satisfied with our peace efforts and the implementation of the Tripoli agreement (between the government and the MILF)." With a report from Philip Tuboza

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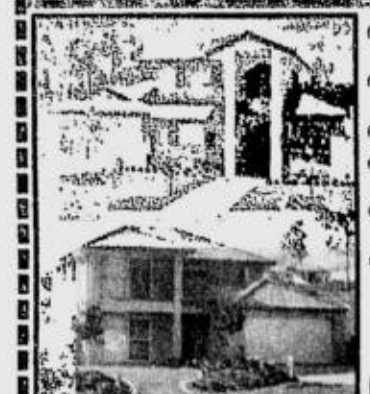
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Koronadal blast suspects fall

By Edwin O. Fernandez PDI Mindanao Bureau and TJ Burgenlo in Manila

COTABATO CITY—Two more suspects in the deadly May 10 Koronadal City market bombing which killed 13 people were arrested last Friday by police and military intelligence agents.

Police identified them as Jonie Mangadta, alias Commander Harbans, and Sindatue Dimaloloy, alias Talwan, both of Midsayap, Cotabato.

Chief Insp. Eduardo Marquez, Midsayap police chief, said Mangadta, allegedly a member of

the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, was arrested in his home in Barangay Nas on Friday morning. Shortly after, police operatives arrested Dimaloloy in Poblacion 3.

Mangadta and Dimaloloy were among five men who had been charged and ordered arrested by the regional trial court of Koronadal in connection with the market blast.

Chief Supt. Rodolfo Tor, police director for Central Mindanao, said Dimaloloy and Mangadta resembled the artist's sketches of the bombers. The two were flown to Manila yesterday and were scheduled to be presented to the media in Camp Crame last night.

Days after the explosion, police arrested Rocky Salingat of Lutayan, Sultan Kudarat. Police officials have been hinting of a major breakthrough in their investigation into the blast but have declined to give specifics.

Throughout yesterday, reporters checked with police and military officials to confirm radio reports that a suspect had been nabbed in Koronadal on Friday night. But the officials said they could not divulge his identity because it might undermine "follow-up operations."

Evelyn Mangadta, wife of one of the arrested men, said her husband was no longer connected with the MILF. She said he had been living a simple life as a farmer after he surrendered in 2001 to Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes.

"He is innocent, he has not gone to Koronadal City, he has reformed and is working under the livelihood assistance program promised him by the government in exchange for his surrender," Evelyn told radio station dxms here.

She also declared the manner by which her husband was arrested. She said members of the raiding team had concealed their identities by putting masking tape over their name tags and had even tried to plant evidence in their house.

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Palace belittles Erap claim

MALACAÑANG Just shrugged off deposed President Joseph Estrada's insistence that he is still the country's Chief Executive.

President Macapagal-Arroyo's chief of staff, Rigoberto Tiglao, yesterday said Estrada's claim will not change the fact that the Supreme Court has recognized the legitimacy of the current administration.

Estrada had insisted during a hearing before the Sandiganbayan the other day that the plunder and other criminal cases against him should be dismissed because he was still the President of the country and thus was immune from suit.

"By law everyone can say this or that, but in our system... it is the Supreme Court which rules what is legal and what is not," Tiglao said.

He pointed out that the ruling had been appealed twice, but the high court had stood by its decision. **Dona Z. Pazzibugan**

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China hunts SARS-carrying cats

GUANGZHOU, China —Southern Guangdong province Saturday issued an all-points bulletin for the endangered civet cat, most recently determined by medical scientists as the likely source of the global SARS epidemic.

"This is an endangered species, the trade in this animal is totally illegal and it is happening underground," Feng Shaoming, spokesperson for the Guangdong Health Bureau said.

Local police and health authorities would be stepping up actions to disinfect animal markets and hunt down traffickers in the endangered animals which are favored by local gourmets as wild and exotic food, Feng said.

Saturday's newspapers in Guangdong were plastered with pictures of the civet cat, with its characteristic striped face and long tail, following the announcement by researchers at the University of Hong Kong

Friday that the coronavirus which causes SARS had been traced to the feline.

"We have been looking at the same research for sometime, but we are still carrying out additional tests before we make a final conclusion," Feng said.

Researchers had also found a similar coronavirus in raccoons, another local wild food favorite, and had tested other prized gourmet

animals such as badgers, weasels and water rats.

The mammals are regular captives in live animal markets, such as the Hua Nan wild animal market and the Shijing food market in Guangzhou, and are prized dishes in wildlife restaurants.

The civet cat ranked as the second most popular "exotic" animal eaten by Hong Kong Chinese in a 1996 survey conducted

by animal rights group Traffic East Asia. The cat ranked behind snakes.

Some of the first victims of SARS in Guangdong province, where the SARS outbreak started in November, were chefs or people who had contact with animals.

Scientists said it was not likely that diners could get SARS from eating cooked civet cat, and

the disease was most likely to jump to those humans that raised or butchered the animals.

"Our initial findings show that it is certain that the SARS virus came from animals," Zheng Pojian, a microbiologist with HKU told the paper in a separate article. AFP

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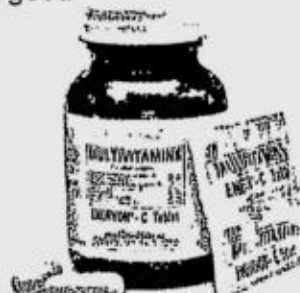
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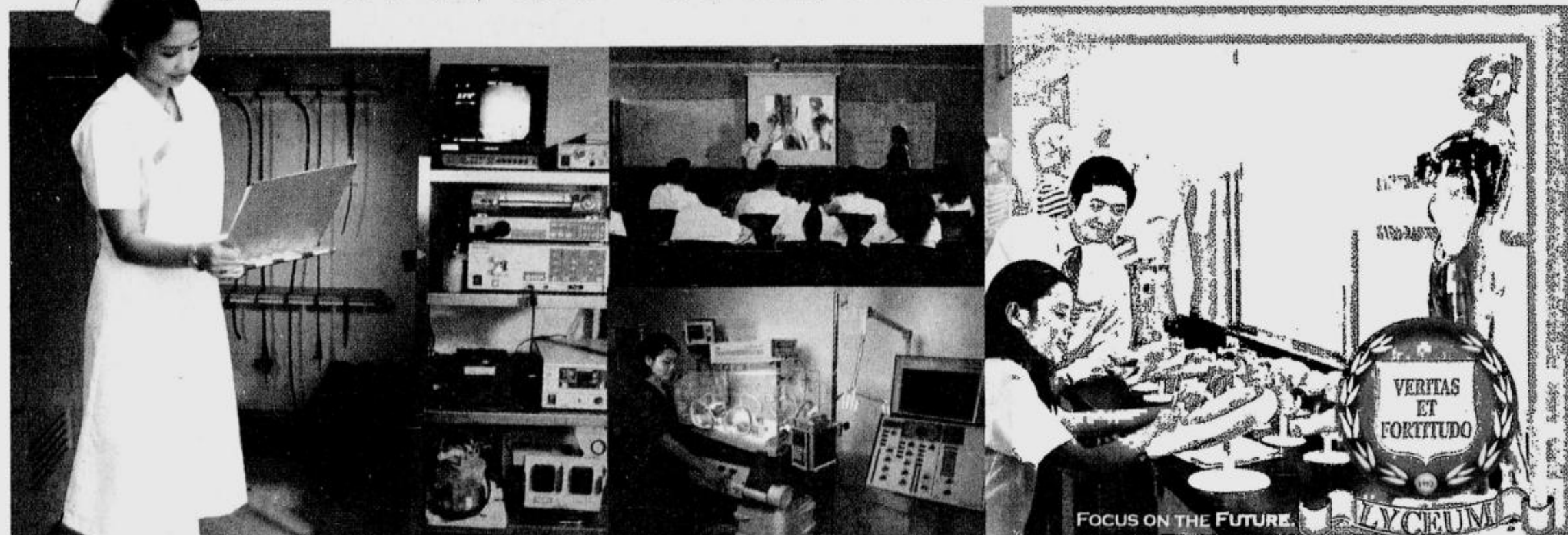
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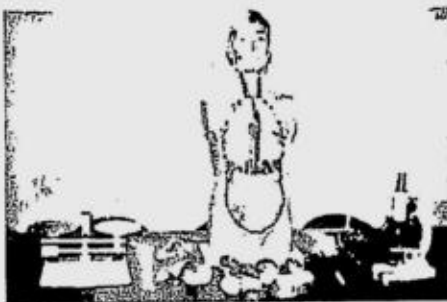
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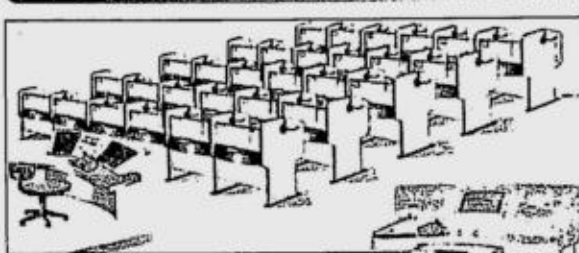
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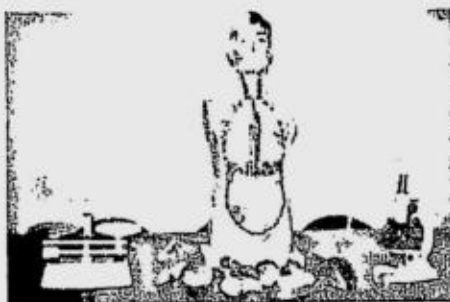
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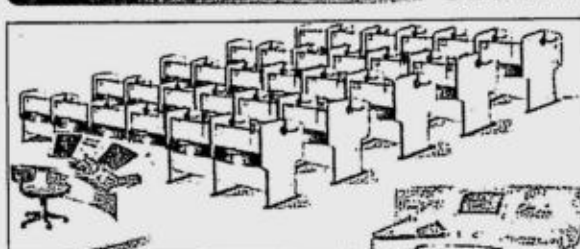
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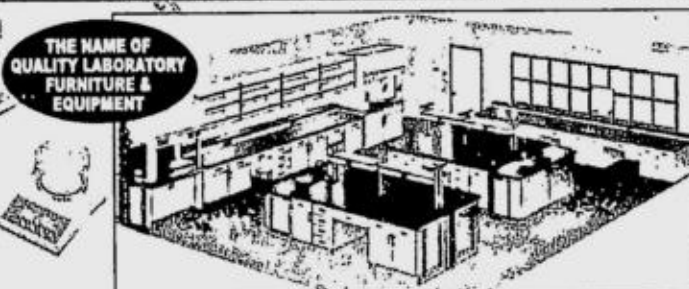


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No coup in Senate, opposition vows

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE SENATE turmoil is over, for now at least.

No fireworks are expected at the Senate tomorrow after 10 opposition senators yesterday assured the majority there would be no "leadership coup" come Monday.

The minority senators will instead seek a caucus with the majority.

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel, who spoke on behalf of the minority, declared they had no plans to mount a leadership revamp.

"As far as Senate President Franklin Drilon is concerned, (there will be) no revamp," Pimentel said in an interview.

"In the first place, we don't have the numbers," he acknowledged.

The minority needs three more senators to wrest control of the Senate leadership.

Trigger

The turmoil in the Senate was triggered by the refusal of Sen. Joker Arroyo to investigate allegations that a Malacañang lawyer had demanded P3 billion from Fraport AG, the German partner of the Philippine International Air Terminals Co. (Piatco), which built Naia Terminal 3.

Arroyo believed the minority was on a "fishing expedition" which, he said, was illegal under the law.

Unsatisfied with his reason, opposition

Senators John Osmeña and Vicente Sotto III moved to declare all committee chairmanship vacant.

Not functioning

Pimentel yesterday explained that the minority had sought changes in the chairmanships of committees not just because of Arroyo's stubborn adherence to the Anti-Wiretapping Law. He claimed that Senate committees were not really functioning.

"All that we want is for Senate President Drilon to convene the whole Senate to talk about filling up the vacancies in the chairmanships of two committees chaired by Senators Renato Cayetano and Ramon Revilla Sr."

He said the two senators—who have been on prolonged leaves of absence—were "physically incapacitated."

He claimed that the work of the committees were being hampered by the absence of the two senators.

"The issue on the power purchase adjustment (PPA) can't be tackled squarely because Cayetano is not here. It's not his fault. He's really sick. But that is not an excuse for us not to do anything about it," Pimentel said.

"I think there is no other way but to accept the proposal that we should have new working chairpersons of the committees," he added.

Pimentel stressed that Arroyo's ada-

mant position not to accept the taped conversation between the Palace aide and US lawyers of Fraport AG as evidence to open a Senate inquiry was "good only up to a point."

"Nobody is saying that it is the only evidence, nobody is saying that we cannot inquire into the circumstance under which the wiretapping conversation was taken. In other words there are incidents of investigation that need not be restricted because of the Anti-Wiretapping Law," he said.

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Abductions to rise with coming polls?

By TJ Burgonio

WILL the country see a rise in kidnapping cases instigated by unscrupulous politicians now that the election season is drawing near?

Police Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. hinted at the possibility.

"There are indications that politicians have used [kidnapping for ransom] to raise funds," Ebdane had said in an earlier interview.

Citing intelligence information, Ebdane said some kidnapping incidents in 1998 and 2001, both election years, had been carried out to fund the campaigns of cash-strapped candidates, but he declined to give specifics.

Highest totals

"Remember that back in 1997 and 1998 during the election period, there were lots of [kidnapping] cases, and we found out that some were related to [politicians'] problems in financing their elections," he said. He said the phenomenon was replicated in 2001.

Kidnapping cases totaled 113 in 1998 and 99 in 2001, the highest numbers from 1995 up to the present, according to police officials.

In 2002, 69 kidnapping cases were reported. As of May 14 this year, 25 (not 29 as police earlier reported) were recorded, down by 16.6 percent from the 30 incidents in the same period last year.

Ebdane, another police official said the possibility that some politicians might turn to kidnapping to raise campaign funds "is our greatest fear."

List updated

Meanwhile, agents from the Police Anti-Crime and Emergency Response (Pacer) team, the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group and the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines held a workshop Friday to update their list of kidnap-for-ransom gangs.

Ebdane said Pacer has busted seven of the 21 kidnap-for-ransom gangs in the country since its creation in July last year.

Senior Supt. Alan Purisima, Pacer chief, declined to disclose the number of kidnap syndicates in their new list, but said the Abu Sayyaf and the Pentagon gangs remained on top of the heap.



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Monsanto harvests 1st Bt corn crop

By Christine Gaylican

EVEN AS its opposers ended their hunger strike last week against its propagation, the country's first genetically engineered corn planted in over 120 hectares of farmlands in Ilocos, Isabela, Pangasinan, Camarines Sur and Misamis Oriental was being harvested.

Biotechnology research firm Monsanto Philippines Inc. is reaping for the first time its initial *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) corn seeds, according to Emmanuel S. Borlongan, Monsanto's director for government and public affairs, in an interview Friday.

Borlongan said Monsanto expects the first cropping to encourage farmers to shift to the technology in the next planting season, when they see the higher production yields brought about by the seeds' built-in protection against the corn borer pest.

"We are expecting 100 percent corn borer protection. In Isabela, if the normal yield for hybrid corn is five tons

per hectare, we're getting six tons per hectare from Bt corn," he said.

Borlongan said that while the first season's planting only involved 120 hectares, planting for the coming wet season is expected to involve 15,000 hectares.

"We expect all 15,000 bags (of Bt corn seeds for commercial planting) to be sold out because farmers have been waiting for it for a long time," he said.

Monsanto's Bt corn variety MON 810 has the permits to be sold both as feed and food, Borlongan said, but yellow corn is basically used for feed rather than food in the country.

The United States subsidiary imported the Bt corn seeds for its initial commercial planting in the Philippines from South Africa.

The company hopes to eventually produce all its Bt corn seed requirements for domestic distribution locally, Borlongan added.

The Philippines imports around one million metric tons of corn and corn

substitutes annually as the feed processing industry requires some 5.5-million MT of corn every year. Local farms can produce only about one to two million metric tons of corn yearly.

To cover the production gap, the Philippine government approved the commercialization—planting and sale—of Bt corn after three years of greenhouse and field tests.

Environmentalists, however, held a 29-day hunger strike which ended last week to protest the propagation of Bt corn in the country.

They claimed the genetically engineered corn would contaminate non-Bt corn crops and could have adverse effects on humans who consume it. They sought a moratorium on its commercialization while additional testing was done.

But their cries were not heeded by Agriculture Secretary Luis Lorenzo, who said he would require new evidence of Bt corn's ill effects before he would call for a moratorium.

Not true, tillers say of IRRI claims

FARMERS yesterday disputed claims by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) and the Philippine Rice Research Institute (Philrice) that their integrated pest management program had resulted in the minimal use of chemical pesticides in Central Luzon.

In a statement, Danilo Ramos, secretary general of the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP) who is also a rice farmer, said there was low use of pesticides because of the "farmers' incapacity to buy the poisonous pesticides," among other factors.

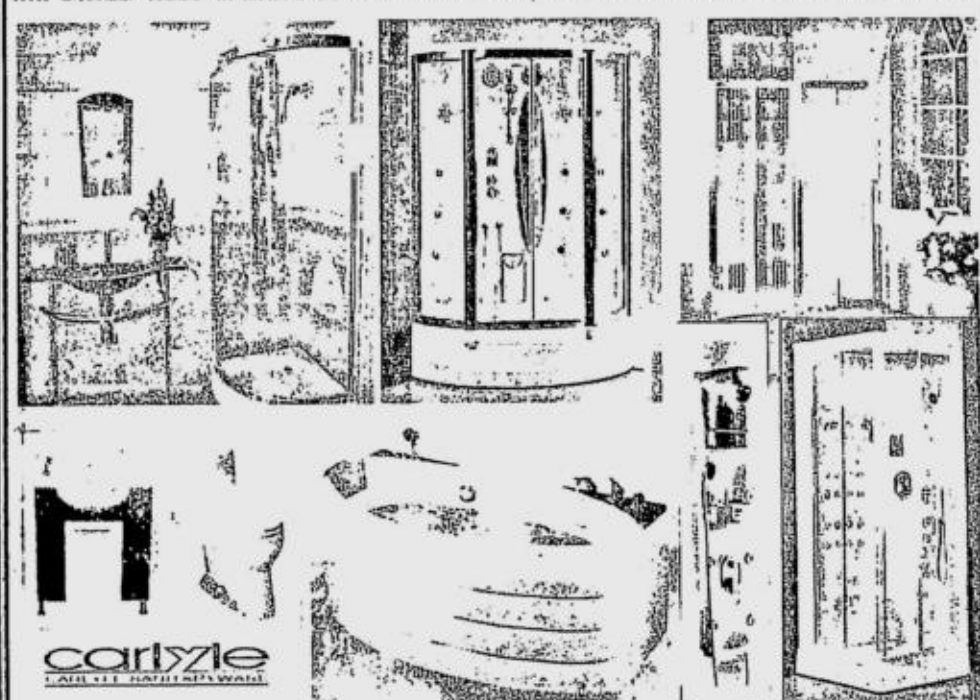
"The IRRI should stop grabbing credit because even before the Green Revolution, farmers [had been] practicing alternative pest management," said Rafael Mariano, KMP chair and a rice farmer from Nueva Ecija.

Implemented by the IRRI in the '70s, the Green Revolution introduced high-yielding rice varieties which resulted in the farmers' increased dependence on chemical pesticides, Ramos and Mariano said.

"Experience remains our best teacher. Central Luzon farmers' terrible experience with the unhampered use of chemical pesticides taught them to minimize and totally disregard its use," he said. *TJ Burgonio*

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Raul Locsin; 71: 'The best in the business'

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said BusinessWorld new media editor Michael Marasigan, "who has worked for Locsin since 1977. "He was always very particular about the accuracy of our reports, that we get both sides."

Locsin was like a father to his brood of reporters.

"When BusinessWorld was just starting out he brought his reporters to hotels monthly to teach them the art of socializing," its associate editor Armin Amio said. "His standards were very high and he made you strive to be good, but he did it in such a way that it was attainable."

Renaissance man

A former employee, Fe dela Cruz, described Locsin as a Renaissance man who loved literature, poetry, wine and food.

"You could talk to him about many things, and he was well-read," she said.

De la Cruz also said Locsin was "an inspiring boss" who backed his reporters when they came un-



RAUL LOCSIN: The mentor and tormentor of the best of today's business reporters and editors.

der fire from public officials but who did not hesitate to come down heavily on those whose stories proved inaccurate.

"He was very paternal but strict with standards of integrity. He was always conscious that we were molding the minds and values of young reporters," she said.

According to the RM Awards profile of Locsin, he received his early schooling at his mother's knee in war-time Negros Occidental, where his father Aurelio edited and published the Spanish-language daily "El Civismo."

It was in this paper, which ran for over 30 years, that Locsin and his brother Alfio started their apprenticeship.

His mother, Soledad, wrote an outstanding translation of national hero Jose Rizal's "Noli Me Tangere" and "El Filibusterismo." His uncle, the late Manila Mayor Arsenio Lacson, was a hard-hitting columnist of the "Star Reporter" of the early war years.

Locsin dropped out of the Ateneo de Manila University after two years of liberal arts studies and began traveling throughout the country as a cigarette salesman.

After stints in various multinational companies, he accepted a pay cut to work as a reporter for The Manila Chronicle, where he became assistant business editor within two years.

Locsin's body was taken last night to the BusinessWorld offices in Quezon City. Today it will be brought to the Arlington funeral parlor, where it remain until Tuesday noon.

Cremation is scheduled later that day, after which the ashes will be brought back to Arlington. On Thursday, the ashes will be moved to the Ateneo.

Obligation to readers

In a talk he gave for the RM Awardees Lecture series, Locsin said a newspaper's obligation is to its readers.

"It must impart the truth. It must be accurate and objective. It must be fair and it must strive for excellence," he said.

He also said that despite the constitutional guarantee of freedom of the press, "eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty."

He added that the press in a democratic society served as a check and balance against the government. *With a report from PDI Research*

A letter a day ...

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an interaction with parents of the members of PMA Class 2007 last Friday that cadets are now allowed to receive more letters than was previously allowed.

One parent was apparently overwhelmed by the announcement that he broke into tears.

"I am surprised we can now visit or send more letters to our children. These tears are tears of joy; these changes are commendable," the parent said.

According to Col. Arturo Ortiz, PMA commandant of cadets, a restriction was imposed on the number of letters cadets, particularly the plebes, could send and receive after the academy's officials noted that the students tended to neglect their studies because of frequent contact with family members.

"The cadets usually wrote their parents to tell them of their problems," Ortiz told the parents during the interaction. "The system has now changed; we are now encouraging you to write your children for moral support. We want our cadets to have a normal relationship with their parents."

Maj. Edgard Arevalo, PMA spokesperson, said the academy actually started to be less restrictive on correspondence in 2001, during the term of Maj. Gen. Manuel Carranza as PMA superintendent.

Arevalo said academy officials acknowledged that letters from one's family and friends provides the cadet with moral support and an inspiration to excel.

The PMA, however, will retain its policy of allowing a cadet to receive a maximum of only two visits a month.

Fewer resignations

The PMA yesterday formally accepted 277 members of Class 2007 who underwent 52 days of training. Of the 277 cadets, 17 are women.

Col. Pedro Binuya, PMA mathematics department head, said Class 2007 recorded the smallest number of resignations during the training camp.

"Last year, 33 cadets backed out. Now, only nine did," he said.

PMA officials also informed the parents that they were reviewing the academy's curriculum after they observed that cadets were "overloaded" with general courses.

Col. Tadeo Claravall, dean of the PMA corps of professors, said the new curriculum will offer three major courses for cadets to specialize in: management, engineering and computer science. These specializations are taken up during the cadets' second year in the academy.

Claravall also said the academy still lacked facilities to accept more women into the institution.

"Many women pass the requirements, but only a few could be accepted due to lack of facilities such as dormitories," Claravall said.

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A break

IF a week is a long time in politics, 20 days is a lifetime in the short history of SARS. It certainly feels that way for the staff of the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine in Muntinlupa City, the country's primary treatment facility for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome.

After the World Health Organization took the country off its controversial list of SARS-affected areas last

EDITORIAL

Wednesday, RITM employees have sensed a sea change in their relations with the residents of neighboring villages. Instead of being shunned or slighted, they are now welcomed.

Proving that a little learning is truly a dangerous thing, the village officials and residents of Pleasant Ville and Camella Subdivision in Muntinlupa had ostracized the RITM staff at the height of the SARS scare. Now that the country is once again officially SARS-free, those same officials and residents see the wisdom in starting life over with their neighbors at the hospital.

By and large, the country's health system has weathered the SARS storm in good shape. A few hospitals have proven themselves unworthy of the name. But after the first few confusing days, government health officials succeeded in getting a handle on the situation—enforcing isolation routines, upgrading the laboratory capabilities of the RITM, battling misinformation by aggressively working with media partners and centralizing the flow of information.

The result, confirmed by WHO, is SARS-free status after three weeks.

But the good news should not blind us to the acute reality: The SARS crisis is far from over.

Consider the case of Toronto, Canada: The other week, the city was taken off WHO's list of SARS-affected areas, after no new case was reported since April 19. But in the last 36 hours or so, Canadian health officials have reported a new string of about 20 possible new cases, stemming from an apparently undiagnosed case in the city's North York Hospital.

"It's been a rough day," a leading Canadian microbiologist said. "We're assuming the worst, that there's a likely transmission to health care workers and family members."

The WHO hasn't reclassified the country as SARS-affected, pending the results of the diagnosis, but American health authorities have already issued a travel alert for Canada's biggest city, the site of the worst SARS outbreak outside Asia.

Or consider the testimony of American scientists before a US Senate hearing late last week. Michael Osterholm, described by the Washington Post as one of the leading infectious-disease experts in the United States, used the Senate committee hearing to warn that "we have not begun to see the worst" of the SARS outbreak. He was talking about the outbreak's imminent resurgence by next winter in the United States, which as of yesterday had recorded only 67 cases and no deaths. (In contrast, China has had over 5,200 cases and 300 deaths. Hong Kong, which reports its health statistics separately, has reported over 1,700 cases and 258 deaths.)

But Osterholm's bleak scenario, confirmed in the same hearing by both the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, is based in part on China's continuing inability to wipe out the new virus. The outbreak has now spread beyond the point of total control. "The ongoing transmission of SARS in parts of China and Taiwan signals a disease transmitted... that has now seeded itself in (such) a significant number of humans as to make its elimination impossible," Osterholm said.

In other words, the SARS virus we will now always have with us, like Christ's poor.

This is the most solid basis—to appropriate the Macapagal administration's favorite military metaphor—for launching a full-scale war on SARS: a consensus that the threat remains, and in fact will persist beyond the life of this administration. The country's health officials must use the 20-day break to convince the public of the following message: The SARS virus may no longer be eliminated, but—like tuberculosis, like a host of other infectious diseases—it can be contained.



An accident waiting to happen

IHAD intended to write about this earlier but was pre-empted by Voltaire G. Alfonso in his letter to the editor published last month. He complained about what he called the deadly wall in the Ayala tunnel that he says has already claimed two lives.

The tunnel has four lanes, three of which are unobstructed from entrance to exit. The fourth, however, on the extreme left, is blocked by a narrow wall and several meters later by another wider wall, making it necessary for the motorist to swerve once and then again to avoid hitting the walls.

A person unfamiliar with that tunnel is likely to crash into either of these walls and suffer the fate of the two fatalities. The ordinary motorist may, before it is too late, mistakenly suppose that the fourth lane is also clear from end to end, like the other lanes. Such reasonable assumption may result in damage to his car, if not serious personal injuries, or worse, to himself and his passengers.

I understand that the space blocked by these walls is intended for parking of stalled vehicles that might impede the smooth flow of traffic in the tunnel. I have not noticed similar precautions in the other tunnels where the lanes are unobstructed all the way with no provision for accommodating defective cars. In any case, safety in the tunnels is certainly more important than unobstructed traffic.

The designers of this tunnel should have thought twice before providing for those structural walls that, even to the untrained eye, are likely to cause accidents. Any unlearned layman in architectural design can readily see the danger lurking in the dark tunnel to claim still another victim of official ineptitude.

The authorities who approved the design are equally guilty of reckless professional ignorance if not plain stupidity. Did they simply okay the plans without studying them carefully?

SEPARATE OPINION

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ly? Could they not clearly see the hazard waiting in those unexpected obstructing walls? Why does the government employ such professed "experts" and pay them for their incompetence?

It is too late now, and too expensive to redesign that tunnel. Removal of those walls and straightening of the fourth lane could involve tremendous cost, like the construction of that 2.3-kilometer stretch of the Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard for the staggering sum of P837.3 million. (Worse, the Commission on Audit, the financial watchdog of the government, justified it.)

The least the authorities can do now is light those obstructing walls to warn motorists of the accidents waiting to happen there. The two earlier fatal mishaps should not be repeated; they were too many. And by lighting, I mean adequate lighting, not token lighting insufficient to alert approaching cars to the dangers ahead.

I passed through that tunnel recently and saw a few red bulbs lighting each obstructing wall. Couldn't they make the warning brighter and the perilous walls more visible? Those somber lights are typical of the mediocre Filipino mentality: *Makaraos lamang, okay na*. The penny-pinchers in charge of that tunnel should understand that we are dealing here with lives, not kilowatt hours.

The whole tunnel should be lit up, to make it look like the streets outside. All our tunnels

are dimly lit like nightclubs where lights are low to make the GROs look more romantic. We don't need aphrodisiacs in the tunnels where the users are in a hurry to get home or wherever they are bound. Day or night, it is always night-time in the tunnels in Metro Manila because the government wants to save on electric bills.

I know compassion is odious but I can't help remembering that in the many tunnels I have passed through in foreign countries, there was no dearth of electric lights to make the passage not only safe but even lovely. That subterranean tunnel in Hong Kong, for example, is lit on both sides with hundreds of bright electric bulbs that make it a tourist attraction by itself (except now).

In the enchanting city of Seoul, even the bridges are bright with lights, and in the renovated modern Shanghai, the buildings in the heart of the city are illuminated by order of the government, to make the whole place look like a nocturnal fairyland. The tunnels, you may be sure, are a-glow like carnivals.

Among the more progressive cities in Asia, Metro Manila has the darkest and also the dingiest tunnels. Of these, the Ayala tunnel is clearly the most dangerous, as the two fatal accidents have already proved. It seems that our government will act only after injury has occurred instead of carefully taking the necessary precautions to prevent it.

Mr. Alfonso's letter was a wake-up call, and I hope it has roused the responsible public officials from their deep slumber to act against the deadly walls in the Ayala tunnel. And while they are at it, I suggest that they provide all the tunnels with enough lights to save the drivers from motor accidents and probably even hold-ups and other crimes. Saving on electricity expenses cannot be more important than protecting the lives and properties of the people.

When summer is gone

MOMENTS

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IONCE saw an elderly couple holding hands as they walked slowly. Not wanting to let the occasion pass, I went up to them and told them how inspired and edified I was to see them being so sweet and tender to each other after all the years. "Well, not really. You see, at our age, if I don't hold her hands, she'll fall down," was the old man's reply.

In today's Gospel (Jan. 15, 19-17), Jesus exhorts us to love one another, and to love one another as He has loved us. The key here is commitment, which is the foundation of all true loving. Long after the romance has died, long after the idealism and the feelings have faded, long after summer is gone, love survives because of commitment. Maybe you are not so much "in love" now, but are you still committed?

When asked why her marriage broke up, a woman came up with two reasons: one, she did not marry the best man; and two, she married her husband for better or for worse but not for good! Without commitment, love doesn't have much chance to grow, much less survive. Without commitment, it is so easy to grow tired, to give up, to hold back and even to take back.

The story is told about a man who came home early from work one day. When his wife asked him why he said, "Oh, the boss told me to go to hell."

We may laugh at the story, but the point is that the man, because he had commitment, was "willing to march into hell for a heavenly cause," as the song goes. How far easier it is to give up and destroy rather than hold on and build up.

The decision to love long after summer is gone is a decision to stop hurting the beloved and a decision to continue loving in spite of the hurts. Big words but not impossible, hard but

bearable, and eventually it will pay off and bear fruit. Maybe that's why it is called bearable!

Should a relationship really become unbearable (i.e., unable to bear fruits anymore), I suppose people will have to make their decision. Whatever decision they make will naturally involve much pain. There are no fast and easy solutions. The bottom line? If, at the end of your life, you can say to God, "Lord I really gave it my very best," then you can be at peace. God will understand whatever happens in the meantime.

Before you make any big decisions in your life, make doubly sure that you have really given it your very best shot.

Someone rightly said that when we were young, we did our hair according to the existing hairstyle, but when we are old, we have to do our hair according to our existing hair. So, also in love. As we find our limitations and experience failures in our loving, we have to be humble enough to accept our shortcomings, but brave and committed enough to continue loving and to keep on trying.

In the realm of spiritual life, there is no such thing as a perpetual summer. There are rainy and gloomy days, too. But again, spiritual life is not so much a matter of feeling good and feeling nice about God and about ourselves. In fact at times, the feelings are

not there, but we go on anyway. All that the Lord asks is that we remain in His love. Warts, bruises, dirt, scars and all, we are to remain in His love, and there we must stay whether we are inspired or tired, till we expire.

I can't help but admire the deep commitment of our missionaries. Many of them left the comforts of their countries and their homes to spread God's love in far, poor and even fearful places. Many of them said goodbye with the thought of never again seeing their beloved country and family in this lifetime. When they said goodbye, they were actually saying, "Till we meet again, in heaven." Admirable human courage and sacrifice! Amazing grace in weak and unworthy mortals like us!

Let us help our Filipino missionaries carry out their commitment in the foreign mission. Let us continue to pray for them. Let us also help them in their material needs. In this connection, I would like to invite you to a bingo sponsored by the Mission Angels on June 22, 2003 at the PICC, starting at 1 p.m. A ticket worth P1,000 entitles you to 10 bingo games with a chance to win P1 million and three cars. Please contact the SVD Mission Office at Tel. No. 721-7454/727-1160.

Summer is almost gone. Soon it will be June. Back to school and rainy days, again.

As a little boy how I wished that summers would never end. Oh, the joys of summer! No classes, lots of time to play, the great outdoors, the beach, late nights, summer lessons, summer realizations. But, summer's not forever, so what do you do when summer is gone? You go on. And when love is gone? You also go on.

A moment with the Lord:
Lord, help me to go on loving, when, and especially so, when summer is gone. Amen.

John 3:16

REVEILLE

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age—22—he had no college degree.

Last April 4, which happens to be the birthday of Fr. James Alberione, the founder of the Pauline Family, Onyok was informed of his acceptance. Out of 15 candidates for the seminary, he was the only walk-in applicant. The others were recruited by the congregation mostly from high school graduates.

The Sambuhay leaflet, which is distributed every Sunday in church, is a publication of the priests and brothers of the Society of St. Paul. Incidentally, April 4, 2003 to April 4, 2004 has been proclaimed "Alberione Year" in view of Fr. Alberione's beatification last April 27, 2003.

Today, Onyok enters the St. Paul Seminary Foundation in Silang, Cavite. It is the fulfillment of his father's wish that if their 10th child was a boy, he would want him to be a priest, a wish revealed to him only recently. As he starts on this long journey in his personal search for the truth, may the good Lord continue to bless and watch over him.

Onyok also carries with him the best wishes of his friend at the PMA, Mayo, now a second-year cadet. A picture of the new yearling has this simple dedication: "To Philip, John 3:16."

Not being much of a Bible reader, I had to do some asking. What was condensed into a name and two numbers turned out to be the message:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,
So that everyone who believes in Him may not perish
But may have eternal life."

To the members of the Mandala Class of 2006,

An engaged life

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David



pose wrongdoing. The media had become obsessed with conflict and corruption, the sensational and fleeting, the thinking went, while neglecting important but complicated issues that didn't lend themselves well to instant analysis or daily coverage, but rather required plodding analysis with little or no prospect of quick resolution.

The martial law-era Philippine press chose to adopt the first part of the equation, eschewing the adversarial role for a conspiratorial one. But it ignored the second, unwilling to probe too deeply into the underlying causes of social conflict and political unrest.

It was left to the few brave, intrepid and mostly young journalists who matured in the dark days of the dictatorship to pursue the second and more important aspect of developmental journalism, going beyond the five W's and one H to explore Philippine history, economic theory, culture and society and link these with current affairs.

Dean Malay and the crop of journalists he inspired and led disdained "developmental journalism," mainly because of the perversion peddled by the martial-law press. But in his work, and more important, in his life, Dean Malay did more than most to prove the value of the engaged journalist, the chronicler not just of a nation's life but of its conscience and spirit as well.

ALMOST lost in the midst of the "Matrix" tsunami was "Anghel sa Lupa," what's known these days as a "small" film, meaning that it does not aspire for box-

my congratulations for successfully hurdling the difficult year of plebehood.

A year ago, you learned, on your first day at Fort Del Pilar that the only verbal responses acceptable to the upperclassmen were: "Yes, sir; no, sir." Or if you didn't know the right answer to the question, it was, "I'll find out, sir."

The transition from civilian to military life was abrupt and at times brutal. You were constantly braced up moving everywhere out of your rooms at double time. At mess, it was a square meal, everything step by lousy step plus all the demands of upperclassmen seemingly intent on making life miserable for you. And perhaps, "other practices" were carried out, practices better left unmentioned.

But you made it and now comes the real challenge.

In the history of postwar classes of the PMA, the second-year cadets, or yearlings as you are now known, have always been in the forefront of these practices euphemistically known as hazing. At its mildest form, it consisted of no more than having plebes carry out demanding exercises without any physical contact. At its worst form, it could involve brutal and violent application of force on the fourth class cadet which could easily cause injury or even death.

There is no place for hazing in the Academy. Don't anyone fool you about this and our people would be thoroughly disappointed if in the months ahead, we read in the newspapers that upperclass cadets again have been involved in the maltreatment and grave abuse of the new plebes.

The greatest shame that could be brought upon any class these days is to have members accused of participation in hazing cases for this is no longer an individual responsibility but the collective responsibility of all members of the class looking after each other.

The mission of the Academy, memorized by all cadets, has been stated in elegant prose. But in simple terms, that mission is to provide officers who will win the nation's wars. Tolerating physical abuse of fellow human beings, will not in any way contribute toward achieving this goal.

office bonanza or for dazzling and wowing mass audiences. Instead, what a "small" film does is explore the drama of the human condition up close, without dressing it up in such frills as big-name stars, histrionic scenes (though "Anghel" does have one requisite slapping incident) or a memorable bit of dialogue that will live on in trivia quizzes.

Written and directed by Jose Javier Reyes, who has made the middle-class Pinoy world his cinematic stomping ground, "Anghel sa Lupa" tells the story of a young widow with two sons who learns painful lessons about love and letting go. Dina Bonnevie plays the widow coping with the loss of her husband while trying to fill the void his absence leaves in the lives of her sons. But the financial hardships imposed by sudden widowhood leave her little time and scant energy for nurturing relationships. And with her sons in the throes of rebellious adolescence, she stands on the brink of losing touch with them entirely.

IT takes the death of her older son, played by Cogie Domingo, to prod the mother to re-examine her life and to realize the truth about an ardent suitor (Ricky Davao) who is slowly but inexorably taking over her existence.

But the dead young man, still lingering in the material world and postponing the time of his crossing-over, has other concerns as well, not the least of which is the problem posed by a fellow traveler, a boy (Jiro Manio) who cannot enter the spirit world until he can tell his mother that he has died.

At times, the film feels claustrophobic, with its tight focus on the small family and their friends and neighbors in a suburban village. But in truth, "Anghel sa Lupa" comes as a relief, like a moment of silence in the midst of a rock concert. Sometimes, our ears and eyes—not to mention our hearts—need to rest from the sensory overload and overwrought storylines of blockbusters. And at these times, we realize that there is some value in simple truths and prosaic realities, even if these come packaged in a film with angels and good-looking ghosts.

Minors in death row

THE TIMELY action of the Philippine Jesuit Prison Service, a non-government organization that looks after the interests of prison inmates, has given temporary reprieve to six minors who were earlier sentenced to death for committing a heinous crime.

The Supreme Court recently ordered the trial court that convicted them to review their cases to determine if they

were below 18 years at the time of the commission of the offense. If it is proven that they were underage then, their punishment will have to be reduced to life imprisonment or lower, depending on the presence of other mitigating circumstances. In the meantime, they have been transferred to the medium security compound to await the findings of the trial court.

It's so frustrating to hear that an issue as basic as the true age of the accused in a criminal case, and a capital offense at that, was given not more than a passing glance by the officers of the court. It's a mistake that strikes deep into the competence of the people who participated in the proceedings.

Whoever prepared the charge sheet must have simply jotted down the statements of the crime victims or arresting officials on the age of the accused without verifying their accuracy.

From their physical appearance, the defendants may have looked older than their real ages. Perhaps they were taller or heftier than the typical Filipino 15- or 17-year-olds we see around as to give the impression that they were already adults, not teenagers, when they broke the law.

Age factor

The age of the accused or victim of a crime is material in criminal cases. It is a critical element in determining what crime a suspect should be charged with or the penalty to be imposed.

For example, if a man has sexual contact with a girl below 12 years old, with or without her consent, the crime of statutory rape is committed. Life imprisonment is the consequence of this crime. The penalty is based on the principle that at that tender age, the victim is emotionally immature and therefore susceptible to the intimidation or deceptive wiles of male sex deviants.

If a man is able to seduce a girl who is above 12 years but below 18 years to have sex with him, he can be held liable for the crime of simple seduction. The penalty for this offense is imprisonment of not more than six months. A lighter punishment is imposed because at that age the girl is considered mature enough to resist the deceitful acts of her sexually active friend or lover.

Under the same principle, youthful offenders, in particular, those under 15 but over 9 years or over 15 but below 18 years, are entitled to special consideration in the imposition of penalties. The gravity of the punishment is reduced by one or two degrees depending on their age or the presence of other circumstances that may lower the penalty further. The bottom line is, no youthful criminal can be put to death even if he commits a heinous crime because the capital punishment has to be reduced to life imprisonment.

The lenient treatment rests on the theory that the crime may have resulted from youthful exuberance. There is also the hope that the young offender may turn a new leaf and become a useful member of society again after he has suffered the consequences of his errant action.

Diligence

The responsibility of proving the age of the accused lies principally with his lawyer. It is immaterial if the accused has admitted to the crime or the lawyer has strong reasons to believe that his client is guilty. The guilt or innocence of the accused is for the judge to decide on after the parties have submitted their evidence.

Aside from maintaining the innocence of the accused, the defense counsel is obliged to protect his constitutional rights. If the law grants the accused certain privileges, like reduction of penalty due to minority or entry of a plea of guilt, all the efforts necessary to ensure the enjoyment of that benefit should be taken by the lawyer.

Proving in court a person's age is not something that requires extensive experience in law. It starts with getting the full name of the person, his place of birth and year of birth. Then representations are made with the National Statistics Office to get a copy of the birth certificate.

And this was exactly what the program officer of the Philippine Jesuit Prison Service did. She secured official copies of the birth certificates of the accused and submitted them to the Supreme Court to support the NGO's petition to return the cases to the trial court to check the true ages of the accused at the time they committed the crime. It does not take a law degree to do this.

Had the lawyer of the accused been similarly diligent, that issue would not have reached the tribunal. The rigmarole of bringing them to death row, then transferring them to other quarters and the trial court being ordered to go through the records of the cases again could have been avoided. What a terrible waste of time, money and effort.

Shared blame

This is not to say that the judge and prosecutor are entirely blameless for the booboo. While His Honor cannot be faulted for taking the information about the age of the accused at its face value at the beginning of the trial, he should have double-checked the facts when he was in the process of drafting the decision.

The death penalty is not a run-of-the-mill kind of punishment. Once implemented, that's the end of it, literally. It cannot be undone. No amount of apologies or tears will bring back to life a person whose existence in this world was deliberately shortened by the government.

A judge told this writer that he considers imposing the death sentence the most difficult decision to make. He metes out this sentence only after he has checked, double-checked and triple-checked the records of the case about the absence of evidence or circumstances that may legally excuse its application.

The prosecution cannot wash its hands on the issue by saying that proving the true age of the accused is the responsibility of the lawyer of the accused. The problem with this argument is it assumes that the prosecutor's task is limited to seeing to it that criminals are punished for their crimes. It ignores the fact that he is also an officer of the court whose duty is to render justice to everybody, including protecting the rights of the people who have gone astray.

WITH JOURNALISM plagued by the likes of disgraced New York Times reporter Jason Blair, and other journalists-fictionists before him like Stephen Glass and Janet Cooke, as well as our own homegrown breed of celebrity journalists who figure they must not only cover the news but make it, we would do well to remember the likes of "Dean" Armando Malay.

Other journalists have already paid tribute to him, especially those who trained under him when he taught the trade at the University of the Philippines and those who dealt with him as student leaders when Malay became Dean of Student Affairs at UP during the turbulent martial law years.

In contrast, I mostly only knew of him, though I would meet him a few times in the course of covering the anti-Marcos protests. My most vivid memory of "Dean" Malay, in fact, has little to do with journalism or even activism. Instead, it has to do with the time he guested on the defunct TV show "Womanwatch," in which he joined other widows and widowers to talk about life after losing one's spouse. His reputation as a hard-boiled journalist and courageous street parliamentarian had preceded him, so I was quite shocked at seeing him teary eyed as he recalled his late wife Paula Carolina. It was startling to realize that beneath the tough leathery exterior beat the heart of a romantic, now rendered vulnerable by loss.

Purists would quibble that Dean Malay, in his ardent embrace of progressive causes, crossed the line and lost all sense of journalistic objectivity. True, much of his commitments may have stemmed from personal circumstance, but I think he also realized that non-committal, disinterested journalism, especially in a martial-law setting, was a luxury that a developing country like the Philippines could ill afford.

DURING the dictatorship, journalists embarrassed by the cooptation of their papers and stations embraced the term "developmental journalism." This referred to a movement advocating the use of journalism to promote social change and development rather than ex-

Messages from a state visit

"IN A TIME of crisis," President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo told United States President George W. Bush, "friends do not ask why, they ask how." That about sums up the Philippine policy toward the United States today, crisis or no crisis. We trust America implicitly, we will not inquire into its behavior and motives; we support it automatically in whatever it does in the international arena.

One might be inclined to dismiss President Macapagal's platitudinous characterization of how the Philippines feels for America as a hyperbole inspired by her effusive reception at the White House. But she seems to have meant this literally, as she went one step further to echo the simplistic binary language of her host. Winding up her US state visit, she told a gathering of the US-Asean Business Council: "There are those with an evil agenda who wish to disrupt this relationship... Some loud voices denounce a closer alliance with the United States, but let my state visit here be a message to those who peddle in the false currency of terror." So now anyone who criticizes these special relations must be a terrorist.

I submit it is President Macapagal who is trading in "the false currency of terror." The Moro secessionist movement in Mindanao has been with us for decades. Its roots go back to the birth of the Filipino nation, to a time when the word "terrorist" had it been in use then, could well have applied to Filipino revolutionaries. The Mindanao conflict is a domestic issue we must try to confront on our own terms. To link it to the US-led campaign against global terrorism to the point of inviting America to help end this problem for us is an act of irresponsibility and opportunism.

America can never be a disinterested mediator. As the lone world power, it has its own interests to promote and protect, not the least of which is the control of those resources essential to continued American growth. The events of Sept. 11 supplied the Bush regime the context and the moral warrant to break out of the existing international

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order and assert America's position as the undisputed leader of the world. The currency it chose is the global war on terrorism. It succeeded in making the invasion of Iraq acceptable to Americans by making them believe that the Saddam Hussein regime was a supporter of the al-Qaida terror network and that ultimately Saddam was responsible for 9/11.

To privilege our friendship with America may be a practical move in a world in which America is the lone superpower. But it is a decision that is both shortsighted and dangerous. We have important bilateral relations with other nations, and cooperate in multilateral efforts to create a better world. We send our people to work and live in more than a hundred other societies, among them Arabic and Muslim with no love for America. Our relations with these countries are no less vital to the future of our country than is our friendship with America.

In international relations there are no permanent friends and no permanent enemies precisely because time passes and circumstances change. Regimes change. At particular points, some national interests become more salient than others; some relationships become more vital than others. It is foolish for a country to blindly follow another in its adventures out of mere friendship. Truly sovereign nations always keep their own interests uppermost in their minds when they navigate their way in the world stage. If they are small and relatively weak, they seek strength and influence via multilateral initiatives and agreements.

By actively supporting America's illegal and immoral war against Iraq, a complete reversal of the position that we would abide by the decisions of the United Nations, we contributed to the destruction of an institution that we helped found as humanity's last hope for an enduring world peace. The UN is as good as dead, and America, under its present neo-conservative leadership, will not accept its resurrection except maybe as an expendable appendage to its own power. We have substituted the United States for the United Nations as the arbiter and guardian of a new world order. It is a wonder why we recently took the trouble of appointing a new permanent representative to the UN, and why we are now actively seeking a seat in the Security Council.

It is a great honor for any nation to see its leader being received in such a grand way by the world's most powerful country. But let us not forget that, in doing this, America was also sending out a message to other countries that refused to bend to American pressure to support its unilateral action against Iraq. They will be made to pay for their lack of loyalty. We were being honored as a faithful lackey.

Filipinos ought to know better than anyone how costly it is in the final analysis for a nation to come under the patronage of another. Only those who are unfamiliar with the history of our country will claim that US meddling in our internal affairs has been entirely beneficial to our nation. Generations of heroic Filipinos tried very hard to break the ties of dependence that had stunted our growth as a nation. The US bases were emblematic of these ties. By a stroke of luck and in a moment of sustained courage, our people finally succeeded in terminating the stay of these bases in our country in 1991. From then on, we learned to live without American assistance and guidance. Why are we allowing one state visit to erase all of that?

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TALK of the TOWN

Should Meralco pay interest on the refund?

WHEN a company borrows money to expand its operations or settle its debts, the lender, usually a bank, charges interest for the use of the money. That's what Manila Electric Co. does when it draws a loan from a local or foreign bank. An interest-free loan amounts to a subsidy to the company receiving it. Meralco insists that it not be required to pay interest on the P30.32 billion in overcharges that it collected from its 3.9 million customers from January 1994 to May 2003.

Meralco claims that the Supreme Court merely requires it to refund its customers the overcharges. Indeed, there is nothing in the high court's order compelling the utility firm to pay interest on the overcharges.

So, the company will return next month to each customer using up to 100 kWh a month P1,487 at the most (without interest). Bigger customers will get a refund later.

Consumer groups, however, claim that Meralco's customers became the utility firm's creditors when they were forced to cough up a total of P30.32 billion. Because the overcharges were equivalent to a loan, customers, the consumer groups say, are also entitled to receive P11 billion in interest (based on 91-day T-bill rates). Who will settle the dispute? It may end up in the high court. Letting Meralco return the overcharges without interest amounts to allowing it to enjoy a huge subsidy from its customers.

The high court did not say 16.7 cents/kWh plus interest'

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FEW organizations have suggested that, to calculate the amount to be refunded by Meralco, interest from the time the refund amount was accumulated, that is, from February 1994, be included. We believe that such a suggestion is not in accord with the Supreme Court's decision of Nov. 15, 2002, which recently became final and executory.

In the dispositive portion of the November 2002 decision, the high court directed that:

"...in accordance with the decision of the ERB dated Feb. 16, 1998, the excess average amount of P 0.167 per kilowatt-hour starting with Meralco's billing cycles beginning February 1994 is ordered to be refund-

ed to Meralco's customers or correspondingly credited in their favor for future consumption." (emphasis added)

Thus, according to the Supreme Court, the computation of the refund is straightforward: 16.7 centavos multiplied by the kilowatt-hours (kWh's) Meralco sold since February 1994. The high court did not say 16.7 centavos per kWh plus interest.

In its decision, the Supreme Court sustained the Energy Regulatory Board's (ERB's) 1998 decision, which in turn was premised on the ERB's order of Jan. 28, 1994. The ERB's 1994 order, it will be recalled, provisionally authorized Meralco to increase its rates by 18.4 centavos per kWh, with the following caveat:

"In the event, however, that the Board finds...that [Meralco] is entitled to a lesser increase in rates, all excess amounts collected...as a result of this Order shall either be refunded to them or correspondingly credited in their favor..." (emphasis added)

It will be seen from the above that, from the beginning up to the

end, there is no mention of interest being paid by Meralco.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide our thoughts on the issue. Please assure INQUIRER readers that Meralco will comply with the decision of the Supreme Court.

'Consumers became creditors'

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IN addition to the demand of the Freedom from Debt Coalition that Meralco immediately refund consumers of at least P30.32 billion through conversion into shares of ownership, FDC asserts that interest payments be included as part of the refund.

Thus, before the Energy Regulatory Commission implements the refund scheme in June, it should first ascertain the true amount of the refund to include the interest accruing from February 1994 to May 2003. Without an accurate accounting of what

is really due the 3.8 million Meralco consumers, the ERC should put in abeyance the implementation of the partial refund scheme in June while working on a complete refund implementation scheme.

Consumers involuntarily became creditors of Meralco starting 1994, when the power distributor started to overcharge consumers. And like any other creditor, consumers are entitled to just compensation with a fair return on their money.

The amount that consumers "lent" to Meralco is relatively insignificant on an individual basis. However, this becomes considerable on an aggregate basis, amounting at least P30.32 billion—practically Meralco's entire capital stock or about 30 percent of its total asset base. Using the average annual 91-day Treasury bill rates, the interest earned from this amount comes up to P11 billion or 30 percent of the refund, which means that consumers are not only entitled to P30.32 billion, but P41.3 billion.

Meralco has obviously benefited from this money for the past nine years, while depriving consumers much-needed resources to

buy more food, gain access to health care, pay rent, or procure medicines. As such, consumers are entitled to compensation of that opportunity cost in the form of interest earned.

While consumers were robbed of these opportunities, Meralco had at its disposal various ways of making handsome profits from the money that was patently unjust to collect in the first place.

Assuming that Meralco deposited the money in a savings and time deposit account, it would have earned around P7 billion. It could also have invested the money for expansion or upgrade and saved around P10 billion, borrowing at prime rates.

Meralco should execute the refund to all consumers immediately. It is, however, too cash-strapped to award a full outright cash refund. It will have to borrow part of the funds, the interest payments of which will be borne by consumers through higher electricity rates.

On the other hand, the government—the biggest shareholder in Meralco—is neither in a position to infuse new capital into Meralco and bail it out. This it can do only by resorting to additional borrowings, which will eventually be passed on to taxpayers.

In this light, conversion into consumer shares remains the most viable option for both the government and Meralco as this does not require any cash outlay.

Further, conversion into shares can democratize the ownership structure of a sector as critical to society as the power industry. With shares in hand, consumers can make significant interventions on decisions that greatly affect their lives.

'Overcharge is akin to a loan'

By Pete Ilagan
President, Nasecore

THE DECISION of the Supreme Court directing Meralco to refund 16.7 centavos per kWh since February 1994 to its customers brings to the fore the issue of whether Meralco should be made to pay interest on the refund.

Although the decision of the Supreme Court is silent on the issue of interest, it is the position of the National Association of Electricity Consumers for Reforms, Inc. (Nasecore) that Meralco pay interest on the refund. This position is anchored

on the following:

• No one should unjustly enrich himself at the expense of others, so says the Civil Code of the Philippines.

When the Energy Regulatory Board, the ERC's predecessor, granted Meralco a provisional rate increase in February 1994, it was found by the Commission on Audit, affirmed by the ERB in 1998 and upheld by the Supreme Court in November 2002 that Meralco—only a year after the implementation of the rate increase—was able to earn excess revenues of P2.445 billion (8.15 percent more than the required 12 percent return on rate base). This alone gives the public an idea of how much excess revenues Meralco earned from 1994 to 2003 when it overcharged its customers.

It should be pointed out that the provisional rate increase granted by the ERB to Meralco in 1994 forms part of its income which is a determining factor in the RORB formula of every utility for recovering investments. Since the provisional rate increase (which includes the overcharges) helped raise Meralco's income then, it logically follows that the utility firm made use of and profited from it. Thus, it is only proper that the refund Meralco is mandated to return to its customers earn interest equal to the Meralco RORB or at least equal to the interest that the "customer deposit" is earning at 10 percent per annum.

• The overcharge is akin to a loan, which Meralco obtains from banks since the proceeds of the rate increase were used for its operations and expansion program. This overcharge should earn interest in the same way that Meralco is paying its creditor banks.

• The provisional rate increase contains a condition that if the utility firm is entitled to a lower increase in rates, all excess amounts collected from customers shall be refunded to them. Meralco agreed to this condition and promised to comply with the ERB decision. However, it broke this covenant by going to the Court of Appeals when the ERB made an adverse decision. Upon the issuance of the ERB decision in 1998, Meralco was already aware that it was overcharging its customers by 16.7 centavos per kWh. As a result, it was also aware that the 16.7 centavos per kWh was legally owned by its customers. Thus, the refund should earn interest on the date the ERB found Meralco to be entitled only to a lower rate increase.

'It should not be paid'

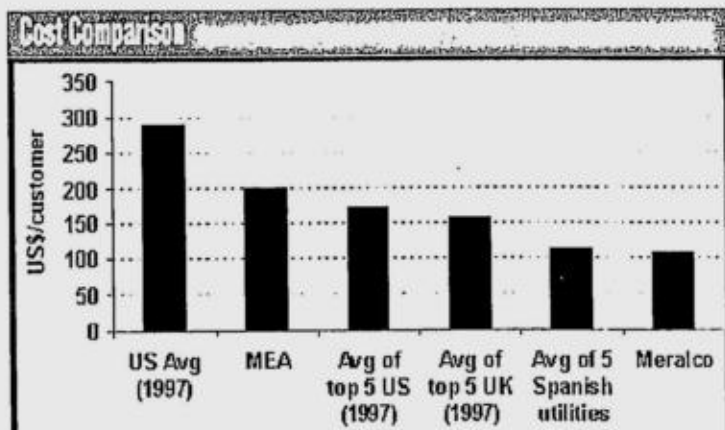
By Peter Wallace
President,
Wallace Business Forum

SHOULD Meralco pay interest? The answer might seem pretty simple: most people would say, yes.

But it's not that simple. I have already argued that it is a wrong decision by the Supreme Court, but I am not the Supreme Court. And the Supreme Court has argued otherwise, and it is supreme.

So it must be obeyed. There is nothing in the Supreme Court decision that referred to the payment of interest. The Supreme Court simply stated that the amount of 16.7 centavos/kWh be "refunded" or "correspondingly credited" for future consumption.

So it's unclear how, if at all, interest should be handled. The trouble is this has taken us into uncharted waters where there are no clear precedents of what to do. What we definitely should not do is allow emotion and petty greed to dominate. And this, I am afraid, is likely to happen. What is needed is a dispassionate, balanced decision based on what is best for soci-



ety as a whole.

Enough harm has been done to investor confidence in overturning a law that has been in place, and conformed to for almost two decades, and, worse, making its application retroactive.

To further deter much-needed investment by making a decision that brings instant gratification without considering the longer-term implications will be foolhardy, at best.

So what must be considered is the overall picture, including what might be the repercussions of whatever decision is made.

Consequently there's another,

equally important issue to consider: Can Meralco afford to pay interest?

If Meralco is forced into bankruptcy by payments it cannot afford, we will plunge ourselves into blackouts and the adverse ramifications will be far-reaching.

If it's decided that interest must be charged, then a mode and timing of payment will have to be agreed upon so that Meralco can be kept whole. Reverting the company to government control would be a disaster. Just look at the financial record of what government does control: National Power

Corp., Social Security System, and National Food Authority, etc. Everyone of them loses money, your money—if you pay taxes.

Transferring it to another owner has no significant benefit as I believe the Lopezes have done a fair job at managing Meralco. Maybe someone could be better, maybe. But it would be marginal. And they might equally likely do worse.

Meralco's performance compared to other distribution companies is shown in the graph where the operating cash cost of Meralco was the lowest when compared to some top electric utilities in the United States, United Kingdom and Spain.

The Lopezes aren't the problem. And it's important to recognize that they didn't cheat the consumer by overcharging.

They charged according to the law existing at the time. The Supreme Court, much later, decided this law wasn't correct. But no one knew that before. No one expected it.

Any decision on an interest payment must be very carefully considered. I would argue it should not be paid. Enough harm has been done already.

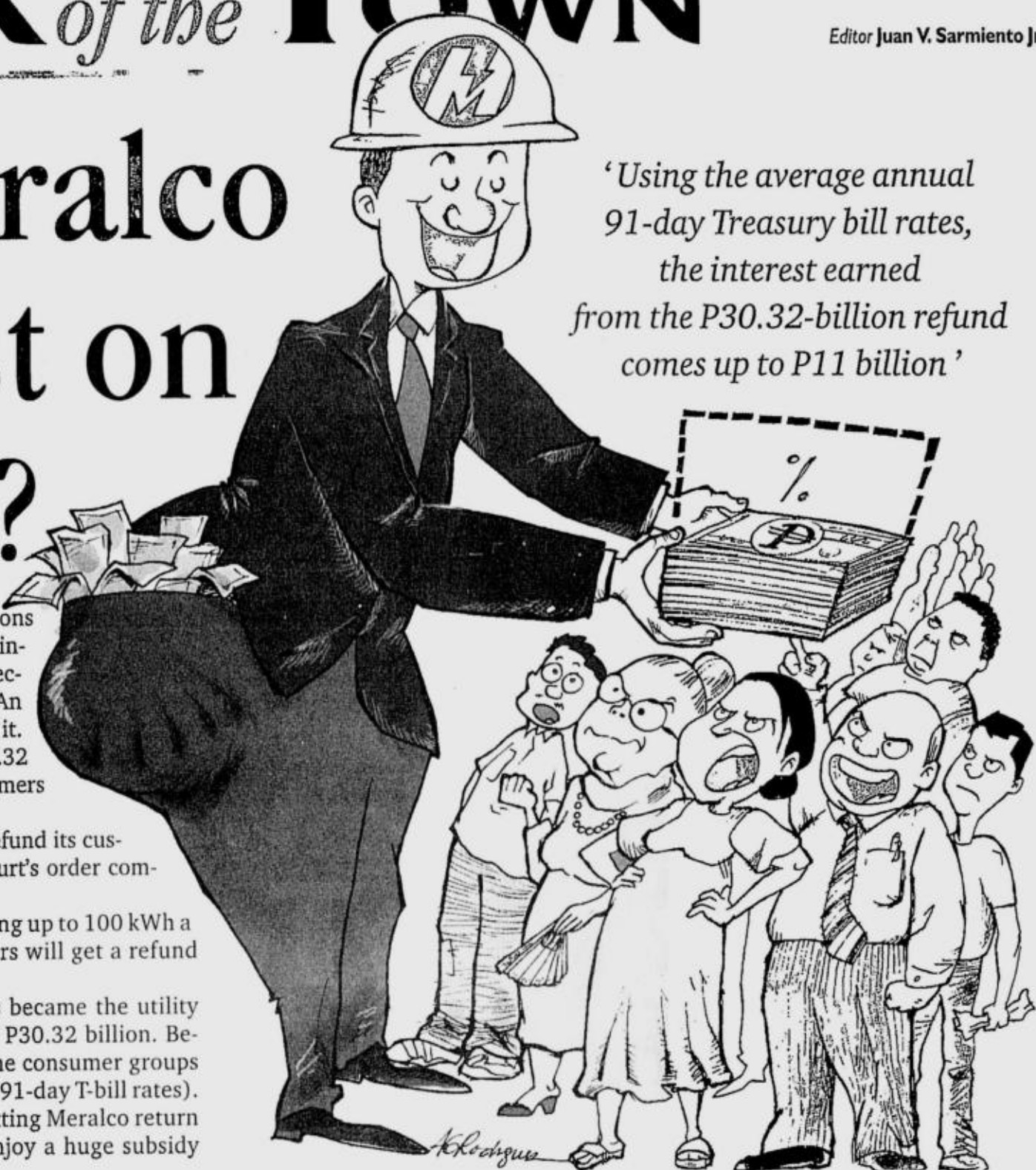


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Early completion of LRT 2 line saved gov't P598M, exec claims

RUSHING completion of the first phase of Light Rail Transit Line 2 saved the government P598 million, according to Light Rail Transit Authority administrator Teodoro Cruz Jr.

Cruz has been accused of losing P276 million for the government when he ordered the fast-tracking of LRT 2 phase one to be completed two months ahead of schedule.

Cruz said in a statement Friday the government would have had to pay some P874 million in penalties had he not ordered the project speeded up, instead of the P276 million it ended up paying contractors to have it completed ahead of schedule.

He said the contractors' claims would have ballooned to P874 million due to time extensions on the project had he not ordered the acceleration.

The House committee on transportation and communications is set to probe alleged anomalies in the project, along with the Department of Transportation and Communications which will conduct its own probe.

LRT 2's first phase serves the Cubao, Quezon City to Santolan, Pasig route. When completed next year the entire line would stretch from Divisoria in Manila to Masing in Antipolo.

Abigail L. Ho

Return of scam suspects sought

VICTIMS of a pyramid scam will ask the Department of Foreign Affairs to cancel the passports of the family that allegedly pulled off the scheme and then fled the country despite being on the Bureau of Immigration's watch list.

Argee Guevarra, lawyer of the victims, said suspects Conrado G. Ariola Jr. and his wife, Patrocina, are now in Cambodia, while their children Joseph Valiant, Florencia and Ma. Louela and son-in-law Alfonso Silvestre Jr. are in the United States.

Conrado was an executive of Multitel, the investment company founded by Rose Baladjay who is in the Makati City jail awaiting trial. Joseph Valiant was Multitel's vice president for finance. Baladjay has blamed Conrado for Multitel's collapse.

On their own, however, the Ariolas had their "family" multi-level investment firms—Five Vision, CGA Inc. and Servlink Cargo. All told, the Ariolas allegedly duped investors of at least P3 billion, Guevarra said.

Guevarra said he learned of the family's escape only after receiving copies of their counter-affidavits which had been sworn to before the Philippine consulates in Phnom Penh and New York.

"It is highly suspicious that they were able to slip out of the country although they were on the watch list," he said. "We will ask the DFA to cancel their passports to facilitate their repatriation." Philip C. Tuleza

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Canada battles both SARS, mad cow

TORONTO—Canada on Friday battled the double threat of new cases of the SARS virus in Toronto and an outbreak of mad cow disease in the west of the country, sparking desperate hunts to find the source of each.

Beef and tourism industries, meanwhile, were hoping for better days ahead as their business continued to suffer from these stigmas.

Officials, who have been fighting Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome since March, reported late Thursday four new suspected SARS cases, more than one month after the last new case here and with apparently no ties

to any previous SARS case.

Canada, the country hardest hit by SARS outside Asia, has had 24 SARS-linked deaths, all of them around Toronto.

"They have no clear epidemiological link... It is not clear what the source of the infection was," said Toronto's Associate Medical Officer of Health, Doctor Barbara Yaffe.

"What we are clear about is that

it was not community acquired. It is either travel-related or health care institution-related," she told reporters here Friday, noting that one of the individuals returned from China in late April.

However that calls into question the SARS incubation period, but Yaffe said officials still believe the incubation period lasts only 10 days.

She said they would be re-interviewing the individuals and families to see if they can glean more about how and when the four—including one health care work-

er—may have become infected.

Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman, promoting his city as a tourist destination late Thursday, admitted the new cases were a setback.

"We don't want to (have) happen today what happened before," he said, pressing anyone who may have visited St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital between May 9 and May 20 to voluntarily quarantine themselves.

Yaffe said 40 more health care workers would be hired to track down the few hundred who may need to go into quarantine.

As the search for the source of the new SARS cases occupied officials in Canada's largest city, others in western Canada were probing how one Alberta cow became infected with mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).

The black Angus cow, killed in late January, was confirmed Tuesday to have the disease, which wrecked havoc on the British cattle industry in the 1990s.

The news triggered bans on the importation of Canadian beef by several countries, including by the

United States, Canada's major market for exported beef and cattle.

Investigators from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency have quarantined at least seven herds in Alberta and Saskatchewan to try to determine where the cow—believed to be either six or eight years old—was born and how it may have contracted the illness.

CBC television reported mid-day Friday that the mad cow investigation has spread to a third province, British Columbia, where three farms were being quarantined. **AFP**

Bush, Koizumi vow they won't tolerate nukes in N. Korea

CRAWFORD, Texas—US President George W. Bush and Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi vowed Friday that they "will not tolerate" nuclear weapons in North Korea, advancing US efforts to forge a united front in the region.

"The prime minister and I see the problem exactly the same way," Bush said after meeting with Koizumi at his Texas ranch.

"We will not tolerate nuclear weapons in North Korea. We will not give in to blackmail. We will not settle for anything less than the complete, verifiable and irreversible elimination of North Korea's nuclear weapons program."

Neither side laid out any specific new steps, but agreed that Japan and South Korea should eventually join the talks begun last month in Beijing gathering China, the United States and North Korea.

Koizumi said that "coordination among Japan, the United States and the Republic of Korea is crucial" to resolving the crisis peacefully.

"Continuation of the multilateral talks is important, and participation by Japan and the Republic of Korea is essential," he said.

At the Beijing talks, North Korea offered to ditch its nuclear and missile programs in return for economic and diplomatic payoffs.

The US sees such proposals as "blackmail," and has sought to line up other nations in the region in opposing the North Korean stance.

The two leaders' remarks echoed almost verbatim the statement made last week after South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun met Bush in Washington, calling for more diplomacy but warning of tougher measures if the North Korean crisis escalates.

Koizumi also vowed to "crack down more rigorously on illegal activities," apparently referring to claims made earlier this week that a passenger ferry from Japan was used to smuggle missile components to North Korea.

An alleged North Korean defector, who said he was a former missile scientist, told the US congressional panel that a group of ethnic Koreans in Japan had regularly smuggled missile parts to North Korea on a passenger-cargo ship plying a standard route between the two countries.

Aside from North Korea's nuclear arms program, Japan has been angry with North Korea's refusal to cooperate in dealing with Japanese nationals who were kidnapped by North Korean agents for spy training during the Cold War years. **AFP**

Oil prices up despite UN's Iraq decision

NEW YORK—Oil prices rose on Friday as traders braced themselves for the start of the consumption-heavy US "driving season" despite the imminent resumption of Iraqi exports.

New York's reference light sweet crude June contract was up 31 cents to \$29.16 in late deals.

The price of benchmark Brent North Sea crude oil for July delivery increased 15 cents per barrel to \$26.12 in late trading in London.

The movement marked a swift end to a price plunge prompted by a United Nations Security Council vote on Thursday removing economic sanctions against Iraq, allowing the country to resume oil exports immediately.

"The adoption of the resolution was expected this week and had already been priced in, that is why the fall in prices was limited," said Barclays Capital analyst Orrin Middleton.

"Traders were probably not open to the idea of going home short," ahead of the three-day Memorial Day weekend, said Bill O'Grady, analyst at AG Edwards.

"People are nervous about the terror alerts, especially in Saudi Arabia," he added.

Attention was instead focused on this weekend's Memorial Day holiday in the United States, which marks the start of a summer period during which millions traditionally take to their cars for long journeys. **AFP**

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Miss Brazil Gislaine Ferreira poses for a photo shoot at the Hotel Panama during the run up to the Miss Universe beauty pageant in Panama City, May 23. REUTERS

Major powers vow new action vs al-Qaida

LONDON—Western nations, Russia and Japan pledged new joint action to fight al-Qaida on Friday as Britain erected concrete barriers round parliament and the United States issued precautions against a possible truck bombing.

A US Homeland Security Department bulletin obtained by Reuters gave detailed information on threats involving "vehicle borne improvised explosive devices"—commonly known as truck or car bombs.

"(The department) has no specific information to indicate that a truck bombing of any kind is currently being planned in the United States," said the bulletin, whose distribution list included major US companies.

But the department said it wanted to advise the public as well as people who "own and operate facilities" about possible indicators of "terrorist attack planning."

The United States has raised its domestic terror alert status to orange—the second-highest level—and many other countries have stepped up warnings to citizens since bloody suicide bombings in Saudi Arabia and Morocco last week.

In London, dozens of concrete blocks, each about the size of a single bed, were erected to prevent vehicles loaded with explosives from smashing into parliament and Big Ben.

Police said the operation, after nightfall on Thursday, was "carried out on a precautionary basis" and was not a response to specific intelligence about terror attacks.

"While our message is still 'alert not alarm,' we would reiterate appeals for the public to remain vigilant," London's Metropolitan Police said in a statement.

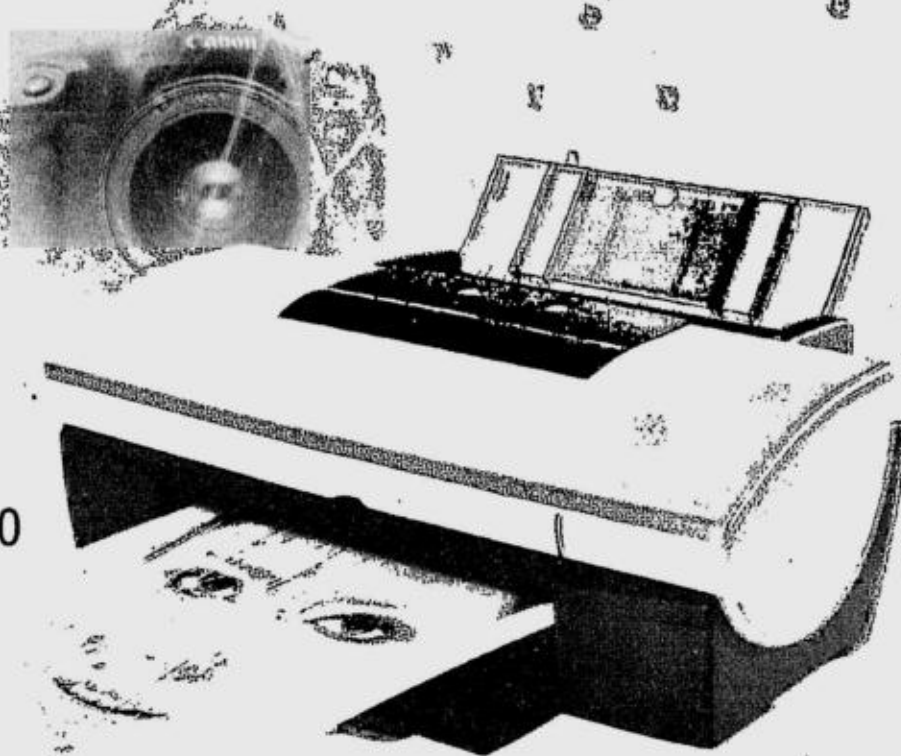
Britain has long feared it might be attacked because of its unflinching support for the US-led war on terror. British troops fought alongside the Americans in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Group of Eight world powers—the United States, France, Britain, Germany, Italy, Canada, Russia and Japan—said on Friday they were "totally mobilized against international terrorism."

"We pledged to pursue our effort further... by supplementing measures relating to the financing of terrorism," said a statement issued after G8 foreign ministers met in Paris. It gave no further details.

But French officials have said measures to be studied at a summit of G8 leaders in Evian, France next month would include aid to help poor countries crack down against terror funds, as well as steps to enhance transport security. REUTERS

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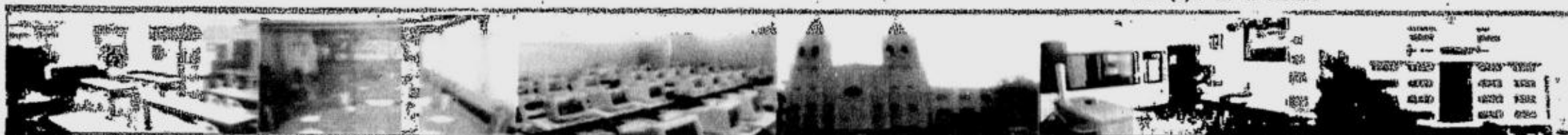
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Pentagon: Lynch rescue no media hype

WASHINGTON—Defense officials said on Friday the Pentagon was insulted by media claims the rescue of Jessica Lynch in Iraq was hyped to boost support for the war as questions swirled over the private's capture, her rescue and injuries.

The US Army has launched an investigation into the capture of Lynch and others on March 23 in Iraq and an Army spokesperson said the military's Criminal Investigation Unit was also looking at the treatment of Lynch and other US prisoners of war in Iraq to establish if any war crimes were committed.

Lynch's rescue on April 1 from an Iraqi hospital by US forces was billed a daring, heroic act in which brave special operations troops stormed into a hospital in the dead of night to rescue a fallen comrade. It also made the 20-year-old Lynch, of Palestine, West Virginia, a hero and symbol of patriotic pride.

But a British Broadcasting Corp. documentary concluded after interviewing

Iraqis that the rescue was a Hollywood-style stunt designed to boost patriotism at a difficult time in the war.

Pentagon spokesperson Marine Lt. Col. Dave Lapan said it was "ludicrous and insulting" for the BBC to suggest the rescue was staged and hyped up.

"The thing that is most insulting is the suggestion that we would put US service members at risk to stage such an event.

This was a real rescue under a combat situation," Lapan said. "In addition, the war was not going badly."

The BBC report portrayed a rescue in which there was little danger to the soldiers and quoted a local doctor as saying troops fired blank rounds to "make a show." The report said the US military knew before going in there were no Iraqi forces guarding the hospital.

Lapan said there were firefights outside the hospital with "irregular Iraqi forces" and to suggest blanks were used was silly.

Lynch, an Army supply clerk, was cap-

tured on March 23 when her 507th Maintenance Company convoy was ambushed after taking a wrong turn near the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah. Nine other US soldiers were killed in the attack.

News reports since Lynch was rescued have varied, from claims Lynch was slapped around in the hospital to reports sympathetic Iraqis risked their lives by driving her to a US checkpoint only to be turned away.

Lapan said the military had not been able to confirm reports Lynch was turned away but said this was unlikely.

The Washington Post published an opinion page article on Friday in which a long-time columnist chastised the paper for making mistakes in its coverage of the Lynch rescue.

"I take my own paper to task for the manner in which it reported the Lynch story," wrote the Post's Richard Cohen.

The Post initially said Lynch was shot and stabbed as she fought off her attackers "gun blazing" until she was taken prisoner.

"Trouble is, much of that may be false," Cohen wrote, adding Lynch was likely neither shot nor stabbed.

"Maybe the Pentagon hyped the Lynch story. Maybe in the confusion of the rescue, some honest people in the Pentagon just got things wrong. Whatever the case, The Post seemed unable simply to say so," Cohen added.

Army spokesman Bruce Anderson said the military was doing its own investigation into the capture of Lynch. "It's an after-action review of a significant incident," Anderson said.

The Army's Criminal Investigation unit is doing a separate investigation into the treatment of US prisoners of war to determine whether any war crimes were committed by Iraqis. Unit spokesperson Chris Grey said investigators had been on the ground in Iraq since the beginning of the conflict.

One person unlikely to shed any light on what happened is Lynch, who doctors say has no recollection of the event. **Reuters**



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Chileans work to clean up the thousands of dead jumbo flying squid that washed up on the beaches of Santa Maria Island after dying in a phenomenon rare to this region on May 22.

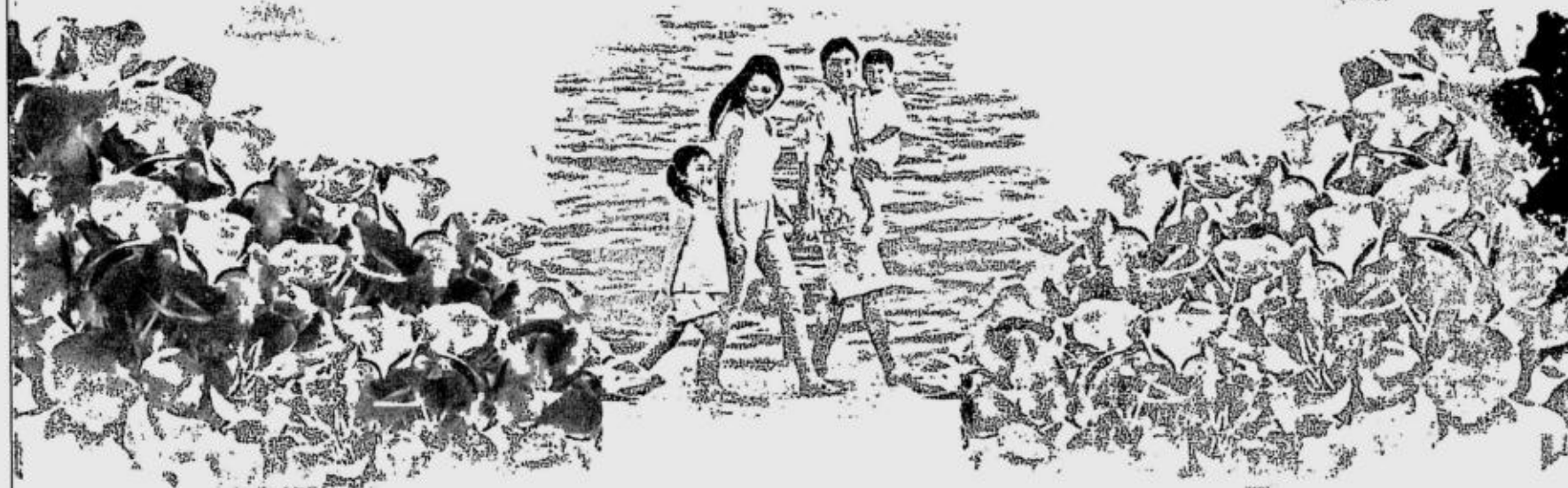
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Hundreds of thousands of Iraq state workers sacked

BAGHDAD—Iraq's US governor, wielding powers newly endorsed at the United Nations, fired hundreds of thousands of state employees on Friday as part of what he called a drive to rid the nation of links to Saddam Hussein's era.

But many Iraqis criticized the move, saying under Saddam people hoping to get a job or advance in the government had to show loyalty to his Baath Party. Critics said the mass sackings could drive Saddam loyalists underground from where they could plot a return to power.

In a sign Iraq was returning to the world fold, international companies jostled for contracts in oil and other industries, now free to trade after Thursday's UN Security Council vote to scrap sanctions imposed during Saddam's era.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan named UN human rights chief Sergio Vieira de Mello as his special representative for Iraq, clearing the way for the world body to begin fleshing out its role in Iraqi reconstruction.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi told US President George W. Bush that Tokyo would take an "active role in the reconstruction of Iraq," a Japanese official said after the two leaders met at Bush's Texas ranch.

Striving to halt the lawlessness that has gripped Iraq and hampered reconstruction efforts since US-led forces invaded two months ago, the American military announced plans to try and disarm the millions of civilians now carrying weapons.

US forces also said they had seized a suspected \$500 million worth of gold bars from a truck near Qaim on the Syrian border.

Hours after the UN ended 13 years of sanctions and soothed pre-war divisions by endorsing sweeping powers for US and British officials to run Iraq and its oil trade for the next year, US administrator Paul Bremer abolished the defense and information ministries and military and security courts.

"These actions are part of a robust campaign to show the Iraqi people that the Saddam regime is gone and will never return," his administration said in a statement in Baghdad. **Reuters**

Red Cross finds 80 bodies in Aceh

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia—The Indonesian Red Cross said Saturday it had found about 80 bodies in western Aceh province, where a military offensive against rebels began earlier in the week.

"Up to today the Red-Cross has evacuated about 80 bodies" as a result of clashes or from areas where there has been fighting, Marie Muhammad, head of the PMI (the Indonesian Red Cross), told a group of foreign reporters.

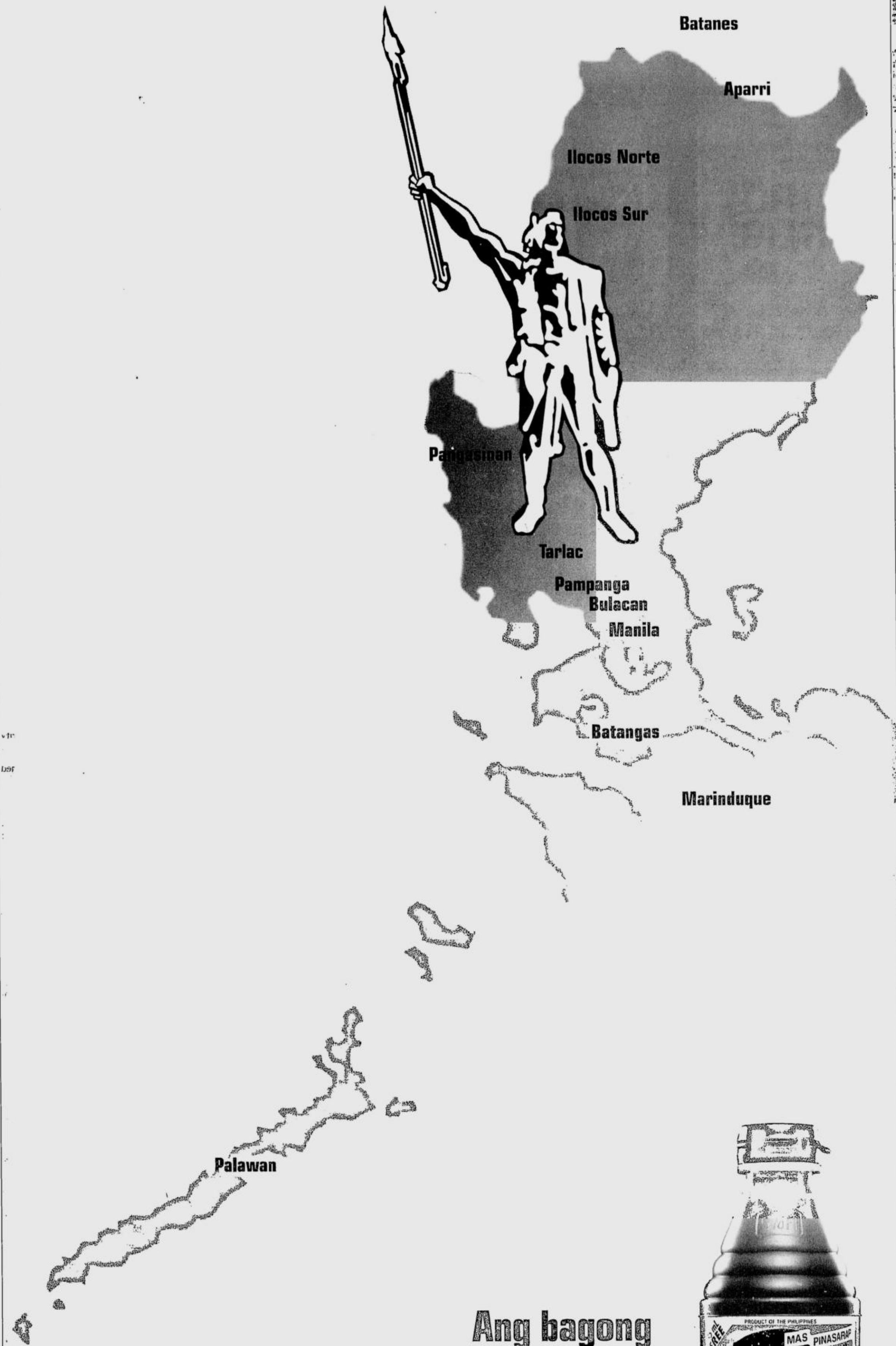
Muhammad, a former Indonesian finance minister, said he did not have details on how the victims were killed, or whether they were civilians or Free Aceh Movement (GAM) rebels.

The military said separately on Saturday that soldiers and police had killed four rebels in three battles overnight and in the morning. That would bring to 62 the military's toll of GAM fighters killed since the offensive began on Monday.

Military sources also said two government soldiers and five civilians had died.

For their part, the rebels said at least 53 civilians had been killed, along with 12 GAM fighters and 43 soldiers and police.

The casualty tolls could not be independently verified. The Indonesian military said it was doing its utmost to avoid causing civilian deaths. **Reuters**



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US spy community faulted on Iraq intel

WASHINGTON—US spy agencies have come under scrutiny for their role in the invasion of Iraq, amid charges of poor performance and even political manipulation of information.

Congress has asked the CIA to "reevaluate" the quality of US intelligence on weapons of mass destruction (WMD) in Iraq, and on that country's links with the al-Qaida terrorist network.

"It is now time to reevaluate US intelligence regarding the amount or existence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and that country's linkages to terrorist groups, such as al-Qaida," members of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence told CIA director George Tenet in a letter Friday.

"The committee wants to ensure that the intelligence analysis relayed to our policymakers from the intelligence community was accurate, unbiased and timely," said the letter, signed by committee vice chair Porter Goss, a Republican, and committee member Jane Harman, a California Democrat.

The letter, a copy of which was furnished to AFP, asked Tenet to respond by July 1 to these points:

- Was the gathered intelligence sufficient in quantity and quality?
- Were the sources of the intelligence reliable?
- How was the intelligence analyzed and disseminated?
- Were divergent analyses taken into account, or swept aside, and, in the latter case, why?

The query came after The New York Times revealed Thursday that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld had in October asked the CIA to compare the quality of intelligence collected by various agencies, amid

diverging assessments of Iraq coming from the State Department, the Pentagon and the CIA itself.

US and British forces have not yet found any WMDs in Iraq, nor have they established certain links between the former regime of Saddam Hussein and al-Qaida, the two main premises on which Washington and London justified their invasion of Iraq.

"Since some questions have been raised and it is taking a long time to find out about the WMDs, we think it is prudent to ask," said Harman, ranking Democrat on the committee.

Several critics have suggested that President George W. Bush and the Pentagon cooked intelligence on Iraq's possession of WMDs to support an invasion.

"This could conceivably be the greatest intelligence hoax of all time," said Harman. "I doubt it, but we have to ask."

In the Senate, as well, Democrats were attacking US intelligence services, with Senator John Rockefeller of West Virginia calling the CIA's performance in the Iraq affair "wholly unimpressive."

Rockefeller called for internal investigations by the Pentagon and CIA into false documents used by the Bush government to show that Iraq had tried to buy uranium from Niger for its nuclear program.

In early March, Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the UN's International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), raised a mini-scandal when he told the United Nations that documents indicating an attempted uranium purchase were not authentic.

The US government was forced to admit the documents were false, but denied any role in their fabrication.

AFP



COOL, VERY COOL

People look at the Moreno Glacier as it descends into the Argentino Lake from an observatory in the Los Glaciares National Park on the Patagonia region of Southern Argentina, May 17. The front of the glacier is more than 4 km long and more than 60 meters high.

AP

Hopes of finding survivors fade as quake toll hits 1,621

BOUMERDES, Algeria—Elite rescue teams and their sniffer dogs found little but fast-decaying corpses in the rubble of Algeria's earthquake on Friday as the death toll marched steadily higher to more than 1,600.

Hopes of finding survivors faded as, two days on, thousands of people were still scrabbling in clouds of dust with shovels, sledgehammers and even their bare hands to dig out loved ones from compacted mounds of concrete.

And anger mounted, with accusations flying against the authorities for failing to help more quickly and for allowing so many rickety buildings to go up along the North African country's notoriously quake-prone Mediterranean coast.

A bright moment amid the desolation came when a baby girl was lifted alive from an apartment block which had collapsed, like a concertina, into a pile of mangled debris.

But Prime Minister Ahmed Ouyahia was sombre, announcing that the death toll had doubled in the past 24 hours to 1,621. "The victim figures are expected to rise," he said.

More than 7,200 people were counted as injured in Wednesday evening's quake, which measured 6.7 on the Richter scale.

The chief cleric of the main mosque in the capital, Algiers, told worshippers at Friday prayers that the calamity was—like the flooding and quakes that have plagued the country for years—a message from God to those who had chosen to forget him.

"People think the earthquake is a natural phenomenon, they think they can explain it through science," Mohamed Slimane said in a sermon that was aired on national television. "They forget who is behind it, it is God."

The earthquake did not level whole districts. It knocked down a few buildings here and there, weakened others and left many older ones still standing.



EMILIE Kaidi, 2, emerges in the hands of a Spanish volunteer rescue worker from Firemen Without Borders from the flattened rubble of her home in Corso, east of Algiers, May 23, and is kissed by an Algerian fireman two days after a major earthquake struck the region.

AP

Officials said the area worst-hit was middle-class Boumerdes, to the east of Algiers. That town alone accounted for some 835 of the dead and still had more than 1,200 missing.

But in nearby Reghaia, local residents said that as many as 800 people were crushed when a 10-story apartment tower crashed to the ground in a smoking jumble of cement and iron rods.

"Deformed bodies have been taken out. You can smell the burning flesh yourself," Slimane Chabouni, a 24-year-old resident of Reghaia, said.

On the balcony of his flat overlooking the ruins, he showed photographs of his old classmates. "He is dead. She is dead, she is dead," he said. "Here's our basketball team. My mate here with the ball in his hands, he is dead." Earthquake rescue teams from several European countries fanned out across Boumerdes, using sniffer dogs and listening devices. "Search, search!" one of the volunteers urged his dogs as they scrambled into what was once a four-story building.

But with the temperature up to 30 degrees Celsius (86 Fahrenheit), no one pretended the chances of survival were good.

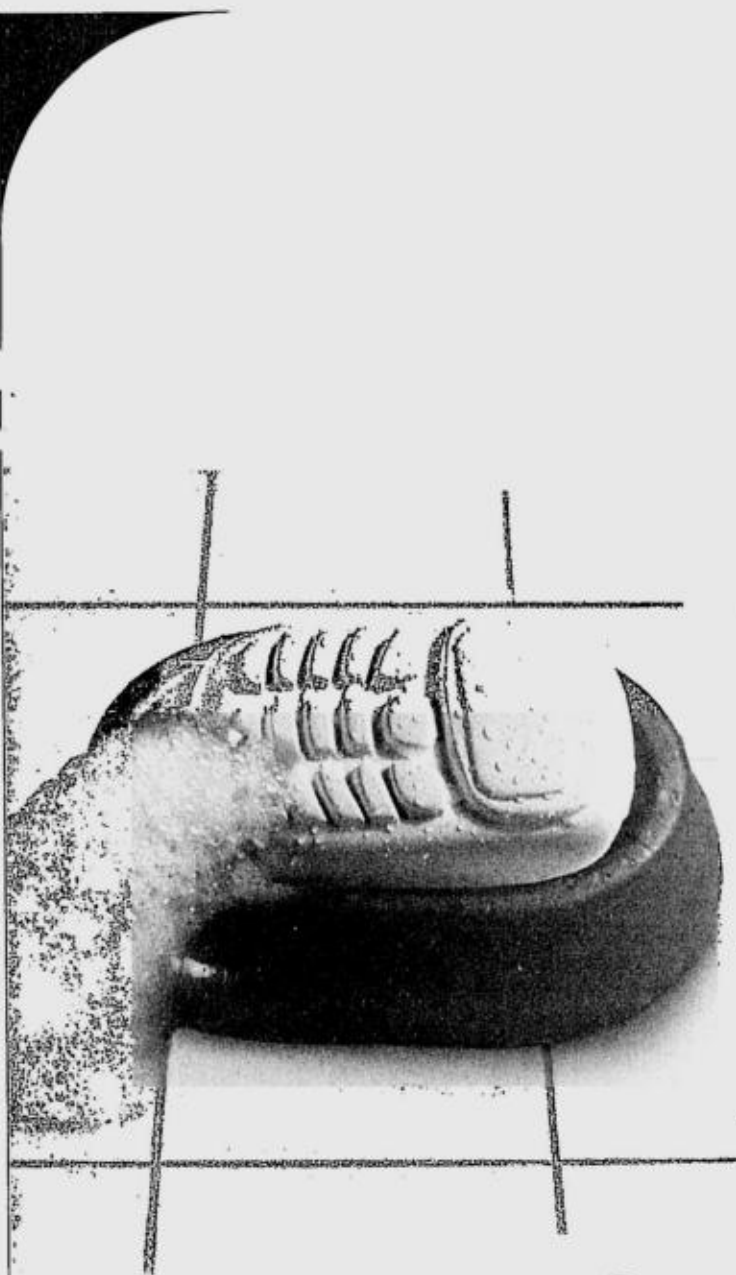
Indeed, the teams moved swiftly on, leaving local residents and civil protection workers to delve for the dead.

A flicker of hope came when French rescuers pulled Yousra Hamenniche, 2 1/2, out of a hole cut into the roof of an apartment building. "They were going to cut her arm. I said don't, so they worked all night and did it. They saved her," the toddler's father, Samir Hamennichehe, said.

But her release after 39 hours was bitter-sweet for her father, who told a familiar tale: six members of his family were believed dead inside.

Tens of thousands settled down for a third night sleeping in the open, still worried that after-shocks could bring down buildings weakened by the earth's shudders.

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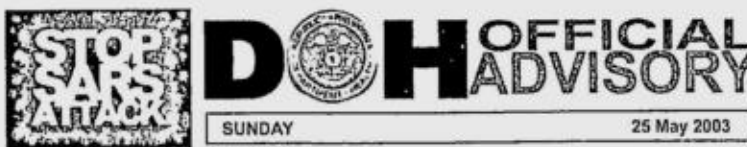
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RP removed from WHO list of areas with recent local transmission

The World Health Organization (WHO) has endorsed the Philippines' declaration that the country has had no new locally transmitted cases of SARS for twenty (20) days, or two incubation periods. "This is excellent news for the Philippines," said the WHO Representative to the Philippines, Dr. Jean-Marc Olive. "It is a tribute to all the people who have worked so hard to prevent the disease getting a hold here."

The last locally transmitted cases of SARS were isolated on April 30. They were a nurse and a doctor, who had become infected during a high-risk procedure on a SARS patient. The Philippines has now been removed from the WHO's list of places with recent local transmission of SARS and from its table on travel recommendation as of May 20. "This means that travellers to the Philippines and residents of the Philippines are at no more risk than those in countries that have had no SARS cases," said Dr. Olive. "It is now hoped that all travel restrictions imposed on the Philippines by other countries will be lifted."

"One of the challenges with SARS is to identify and follow up all close contacts. Not only did the Philippines accomplish that, but they also quarantined the village of nursing assistant who later infected seven others. This shows the resolve of the Philippine government in beating SARS. We are now seeing the results of that hard work," Olive concluded.

Question

My cousins from Canada are planning to spend their summer vacation here next month. What will they expect upon their arrival here?

Answer

All incoming travellers, especially coming from SARS-affected areas, will be asked to honestly fill out the Health Checklist Information. They will be asked some information regarding their occupation, country of origin, countries travelled in the past month, and address here in the Philippines. On disembarkation, the Health Checklist will be submitted to the Quarantine Officer who will go over the document and take the person's temperature through the thermal scan. If fever is eminent, they will be asked to stay for further medical check-up. If there is no fever, they will then proceed to the usual airport procedures.

The Department of Health encourages voluntary home confinement for people coming from SARS-affected areas. This means staying inside the house for 14 days to observe for signs and symptoms suggestive of SARS. If the traveller develops fever within this period, he/she is advised to immediately seek consultation in a SARS Referral Hospital.

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Sharon accepts US-backed road map; summit possible

JERUSALEM—About 50 Israeli armored vehicles raided a Palestinian refugee camp on Saturday, one day after Prime Minister Ariel Sharon raised hopes for an end to 32 months of violence by accepting a US-backed peace "road map."

Witnesses said the force pushed into Tulkarm refugee camp in the West Bank, where soldiers searched house-to-house for militants. The army said it intended to dismantle the camp's "terrorist infrastructure."

Israel has repeatedly raided the camp over the past two years. There were no immediate reports of clashes or casualties in the operation that began at dawn and followed suicide bombings in Israel that killed 10 people over the past week.

After weeks of hesitation, Sharon's office announced on Friday his acceptance of the road map after Washington said it would address Israel's reservations about the plan as it was being implemented.

The announcement said Sharon would seek his cabinet's approval of the proposal, opening the way for a possible Middle East summit with US President George W. Bush and Palestinian Prime

Minister Mahmoud Abbas. The cabinet next meets on Sunday.

The Palestinian back the plan, drafted by the United States, European Union, United Nations and Russia and setting out reciprocal steps leading to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state by 2005.

Israel has been reluctant to do so until the Palestinians rein in militant groups behind suicide bombings.

Political sources said Sharon was likely to win cabinet approval for the plan, despite the hostility of far-right ministers who oppose its call for Palestinian statehood or the freezing of Jewish settlement-building on occupied land.

Bush said soon after Israel's announcement that he would consider calling a summit with Sharon and Abbas.

He did not say where or when they might meet but US officials said the talks could take place in early June in Geneva or at the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh.

"If a meeting advances progress towards two states living side by side in peace, I will strongly consider such a meeting," he told reporters in Crawford, Texas. Reuters

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NPA reaffirms mayor's 'death sentence'

PAGADIAN CITY—Communist rebels in Western Mindanao reaffirmed the death sentence recently imposed by a "people's court" against Dimataling, Zamboanga del Sur town Mayor Haniel Baya for his alleged crimes against the people.

Juan Feleo, regional rebel spokesperson, in a statement said Baya had committed so many abuses that he had "written out a death sentence for himself."

"Yes, Mayor Haniel Baya has been placed under the NPA's order of battle since last year. This verdict was originally handed down in 1997 by the Front committee Amores which operates in the Baganian Peninsula area," Feleo said in his statement.

In 2000, the New People's Army lead-

ership in the region reviewed Baya's case, but said he "never departed from his fascist track record of being one of the worst human rights violators in the Baganian Peninsula."

Feleo said that recently, Baya organized a large number of armed goons "upon the behest of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and had embarked on rabid anti-insurgency campaigns not only directed against the NPA and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front but also against

unarmed civilians and wreaked havoc on their properties as well."

Baya had repeatedly denied the NPA's allegations against him.

He said he suspected his political rivals to have fed false information to the rebel group to destroy him.

In the case of Tambulig town Mayor Eduardo Balaod, the NPA in the region said the charges against the mayor are still being heard.

Like Baya, Balaod was being accused of various offenses against "the people of his town."

"It is up for (sic) the people's court to decide. There are cases wherein contradictions among the people may be trans-

formed into contradictions between the people and the enemy. Contradictions which are non-antagonistic from the start may turn out to be antagonistic in the end," Feleo said about Balaod's case.

Feleo said Balaod's case falls within the category of "contradictions among the people" and can be resolved by the formula "unity-struggle-unity" which is non-antagonistic and a non-bloody one.

"In plain language, it is by way of struggling for unity to strike at possible common ground to resolve differences among comrades, friends and allies," he said.

Balaod shrugged off reports about his being included in the NPA's hit list.

The reports came in the midst of a

snowballing movement in Tambulig aimed at ousting the executive because of alleged abuse of power and graft and corruption.

Balaod sued his detractors for libel.

Last week, the local court issued warrants of arrest against 11 individuals and several unidentified persons who were behind the Oust Balaod Movement (OBM).

Fr. Dexter Zamoras, Tambulig parish priest, is a prime mover of the OBM but he was not included in the charges.

But he also turned himself in "to sympathize with those charged by Balaod."

Hernan P. dela Cruz, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Army urged to present detainee

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Human rights group Karapatan said it was preparing a petition for habeas corpus to compel the military into presenting a resident of Nasipit in Agusan del Norte whom soldiers arrested there on May 16.

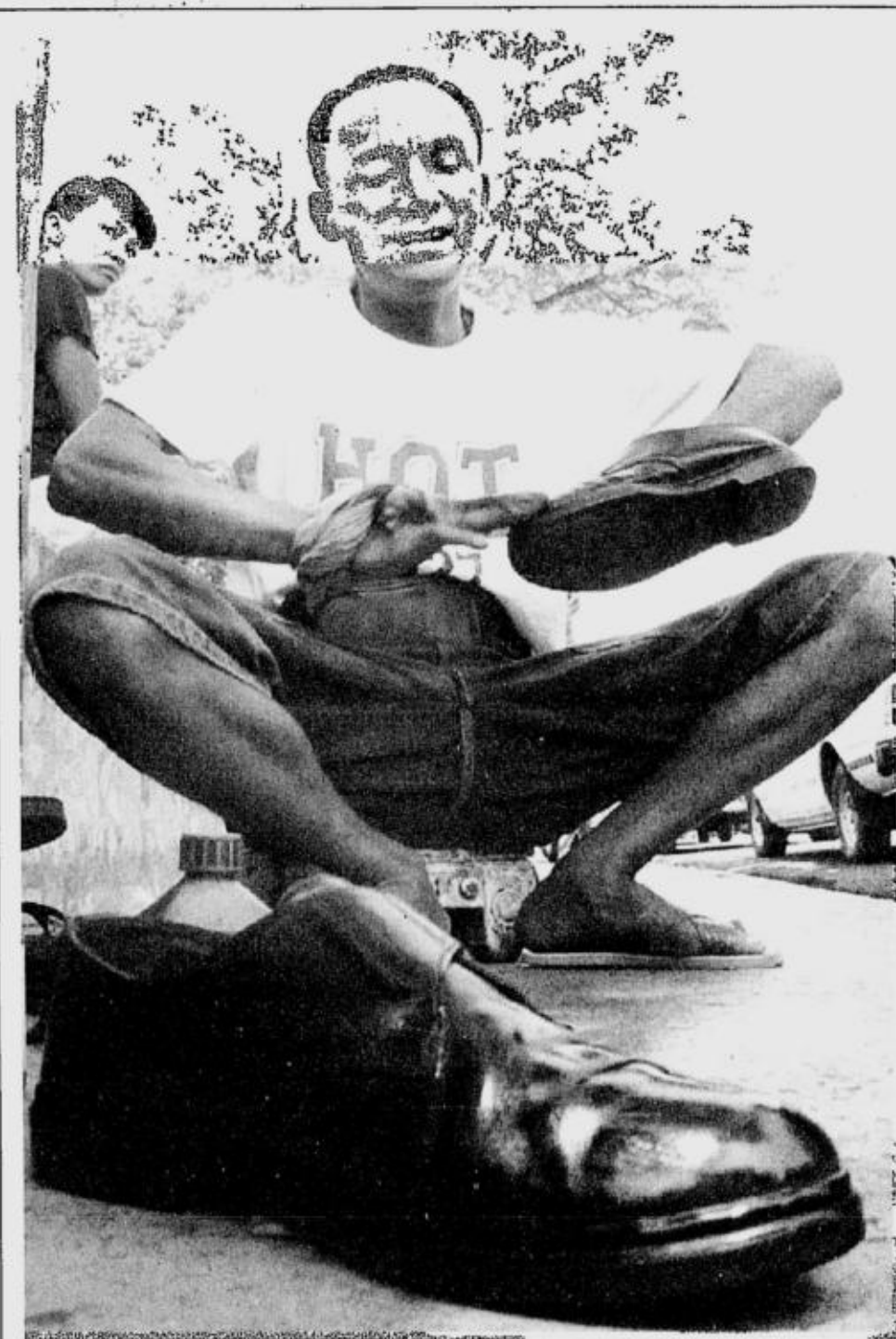
Maj. Gen. Cristolito Balaoing, commander of the Army's 4th Infantry Division here, admitted Julia Cagadas, a suspected ranking leader of the New People's Army in the province had been taken into custody.

But Balaoing said Cagadas, known as Ka Toyang, was still being investigated.

He said the process mandates the military to keep her away from visitors except for her family.

But Bishop Valentin Lorejo of the Philippine Independent Church here, secretary general of Karapatan in Northern Mindanao, said the military refuses to let even Cagadas' family see her.

"We are acting on this because there is a legitimate complaint from her father and sister. They have not seen her yet," Lorejo said. Grace C. Albasin and Beverly Ann S. Musni, PDI Mindanao Bureau



SIDELINE
Romeo Realista shines shoes on the side at the Rizal Park in Davao City for extra income as he prepares to send his children to school. It's a side job that, judging from the look on his face, brings him pride and satisfaction.

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Councilor's bodyguards held for Pobeda murder

LUCENA CITY—Two men believed to be bodyguards of a local politician have been arrested in connection with the killing of a crusading Filipino journalist, police said Saturday.

Broadcaster Polly Pobeda, 35, of radio station dwTI was ambushed last week by armed men while on his way to work in this city, 100 kilometers southeast of Manila.

Initial police investigations suggested brothers Eulalio and Eric Patulay, bodyguards for city councilor Romario Talaga, may have been the triggermen.

Talaga is the son of Lucena Mayor Ramon Talaga.

Police have yet to determine a motive for the killing, but the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) said Pobeda had earlier tagged the senior Talaga in his weekly radio program of alleged involvement with local drug syndicates.

Talaga has denied any involvement in the crime.

During a rally to demand justice for Pobeda's killing, supporters and friends of the slain journalist made a brief stop in front of the city hall in a gesture accusing the mayor of being behind the killing.

But political opponents of the mayor seized the opportunity to win pub-

licity through the rally, lambasting the mayor in their speeches.

Police Senior Supt. Ricardo Padilla said the suspects went quietly into custody, but warned against hasty pronouncements of their guilt.

The CPJ meanwhile urged President Macapagal-Arroyo to order a "swift and thorough" investigation into the murder and for all those responsible to be prosecuted.

CPJ records show that 39 journalists have been murdered in the Philippines since democracy was restored in 1986. No one has been convicted for any of these murders.

AFP

DENR stops firm managing golf course from drawing lake water

By Cristina Arzadon
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

PAOAY, Ilocos Norte—The regional office of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources has ordered a golf course operator to stop drawing water from the protected Paoay Lake National Park until it is able to secure a permit from the DENR.

Victor Ancheta, regional executive director of the DENR in San Fernando City, issued the order after the INQUIRER reported that the lake's water level had gone down to a critical level.

In that report, lake-keepers were quoted as urging the Fort Ilocandia Golf and Country Club (FIGCC) to stop from siphoning water from the lake while the lake's water level continued to drop.

Ludivino Agresor, park superintendent, had pressed the alarm button as early as January, saying that the drawing of water from the lake for the maintenance of a nearby golf course would aggravate the receding water level during summer.

Fish kill

The same concern was raised by village residents who expressed fears that another fish kill might occur should the water volume continue to drop in the lake.

A DENR team, led by Lorenzo Agaloos, regional technical director of protected and wildlife services, arrived at the community environment and natural resources office (Cenro) on Thursday to deliver the order.

Benjamin Abucay, Cenro chief, said he would serve the suspension order on the firm on Monday.

Agaloos also conducted an ocular inspection of the Paoay Lake to validate its water condition.

"The firm has not yet secured a permit to draw water that is why (Ancheta) issued another order reiterating his previous instruction for the FIGCC to cease and desist from its activity (drawing water from the lake)," Agaloos said.

He said legal proceedings would be instituted should the firm refuse to heed the order.

The DENR is initiating measures to address the perennial problem of low water level in the lake during the dry season.

A proposed measure includes requiring the golf course to install its own water facilities so that it would not have to draw water from the lake when water level in the lake is receding.

Agreement

A memorandum of agreement between the firm and the DENR had been endorsed to Environment Secretary Elisea Gozun since last year. The agreement outlines the terms under which the FIGCC can withdraw water. It included the possibility of the golf course paying fees for drawing water from the lake.

An order was issued in December 2002 instructing the Cenro to stop the firm from withdrawing water while its permit was being processed.

The firm, however, sought reconsideration of that order, arguing that its water pumps that were intended for the maintenance of its 77-hectare golf course had broken down.

Agaloos said the lake supplies about 35 percent of the firm's water maintenance requirement or about 75,000 gallons daily.

DENR strips farmers of gov't lands

BACOLOD CITY—The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (Penro) has ordered the cancellation of 914 out of the 7,472 Certificates of Stewardship Contracts issued to farmer-beneficiaries throughout Negros Occidental.

Penro chief Raul Lorrilla said the notices of cancellation were issued to farmers who abandoned and did not develop their farm lots despite repeated warnings that they would lose their lands if they would continue neglecting them.

Farmers who were granted Certificates of Stewardship Contracts (CSCs) were allotted about 5 hectares each of government land to be used for farms for fruit-bearing trees, crops and trees for wood products, Lorilla said.

Another 1,402 beneficiaries were also given warnings, through notices of cancellation of CSCs, for poor development of the farm lots under their stewardship, Lorilla said. This gives them the opportunity to improve their lots and avoid getting the final notices of cancellation, he added.

The government had issued 7,472 CSCs to farmer-beneficiaries, broken down as follows:

EB Magalona—255; Silay City—355, Talisay City—254, Murcia—135; Don Salvador Benedicto—756; La Castellana—79; Victorias City—39; Calatrava—627; San Carlos City—475, Sagay City—210; Cadiz City—529; Kabankalan—1,363; Cauayan—1,297; Isabela—239; and Hinobaan—859.

Those issued notices of neglect were in EB Magalona (21), Silay City (109), Talisay City (31), Murcia (37), Don Salvador Benedicto (284), La Castellana (20), Victorias (9), Calatrava (140), San Carlos (106), Sagay (82), Cadiz (152), Kabankalan (44), Cauayan (26), Isabela (26), and Hinobaan (316).

Farmers about to lose their land stewardship rights were in EB Magalona (3), Silay City (29), Talisay City (32), Murcia (8), Don Salvador Benedicto (89), La Castellana (21), Victorias (25), Calatrava (184), San Carlos (34), Sagay (19), Cadiz (137), Kabankalan (152), Cauayan (14), Isabela (24), Hinobaan (56).

The CSC cancellation orders were issued to 22 beneficiaries in Silay City, 27 in Talisay City, 37 in Don Salvador Benedicto town and one in Victorias City. **Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau**

Decriminalize libel, gov't urged

Countdown for justice



WAPILE

IT IS exactly 377 days today since Pagadian journalist Edgar Damalerio was slain in cold blood. The principal suspect, police officer Guillermo Wapile, remains at large after escaping while in the custody of the police.

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—The Cagayan de Oro City Press Club (COPC) here celebrated Press Freedom Week by protesting recent attacks on journalists and by intensifying the campaign aimed at speeding up the decriminalization of the libel law.

The celebration, which ends today, also became a venue for criticizing the government's failure to protect members of the so-called fourth estate from bodily harm, including assassinations.

Radio broadcaster Apolinario Pobeda of Lucena City became the latest victim of assault against journalists in the country.

He was shot on May 17 on his way to work at radio station dwTI.

Pobeda was one of the hosts of "Nosi Ba Lasi," a program critical of corrupt local officials.

Pagadian City journalist Edgar Damalerio was Mindanao's latest addition to the media casualty. Damalerio was shot dead while on his way home in May 2002 by alleged gunman former police officer

Guillermo Wapile. Wapile remains at large allegedly after his protectors in the police let him escape.

Jerry Orcullo, COPC president, said Damalerio's case was a glaring example of how justice was being served in this country.

"In Edgar's case, our law enforcers have identified the suspected killer, yet it appears to us that the suspect is receiving protection. Is it because he is a policeman or the mastermind who could be known in their city is afraid to be identified?" Orcullo asked.

Orcullo said libel is a plain act of harassment against crusading journalists.

"Clearly, libel is being used to shut up or intimidate journalists to tone down their stories and commentary," Orcullo said.

He said this was the main reason the COPC was calling on journalists-turned-lawmakers to speed up the passage of the bill on decriminalizing libel. **Grace C. Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau**



ECIJA CELEBRITY

The campaign trail continues to grow longer for opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson who has declared his decision to run for president in 2004. In Talavera, Nueva Ecija, Lacson meets up with members of the nongovernment organization Kumare, which has declared support for his presidential bid.

PHOTO FROM LACSON OFFICE

INQUIRER *Mindanao*Deaths feared
in shelters for
war evacueesBy Jeffrey M. Tupas
Pikit, Cotabato

A BIG disaster is expected to erupt here. The very easy targets are the children. Authorities expressed apprehension that various evacuation centers here will become virtual killing fields if this disaster comes and is not prevented.

In April, two months after the war between the government and Moro Islamic Liberation Front guerrillas broke out here, a group of health workers, through Tabang Mindanaw, conducted a medical mission in response to reports on the deteriorating health status of the thousands of displaced civilians here.

At that time, more than 40 evacuees, most of them children, had died because of various diseases. One of the health workers, a Manila-based doctor who responded to the call of Tabang Mindanaw, a non-government organization, said they saw something scary.

"The assessment showed that there could be more deaths among the evacuees if not prevented now."

During the medical mission, he said, they saw that only few children were severely malnourished. "There were only few, actually almost none, severely malnourished kids. Kids aged 0-5 are the most vulnerable group," the doctor,

who requested anonymity, said.

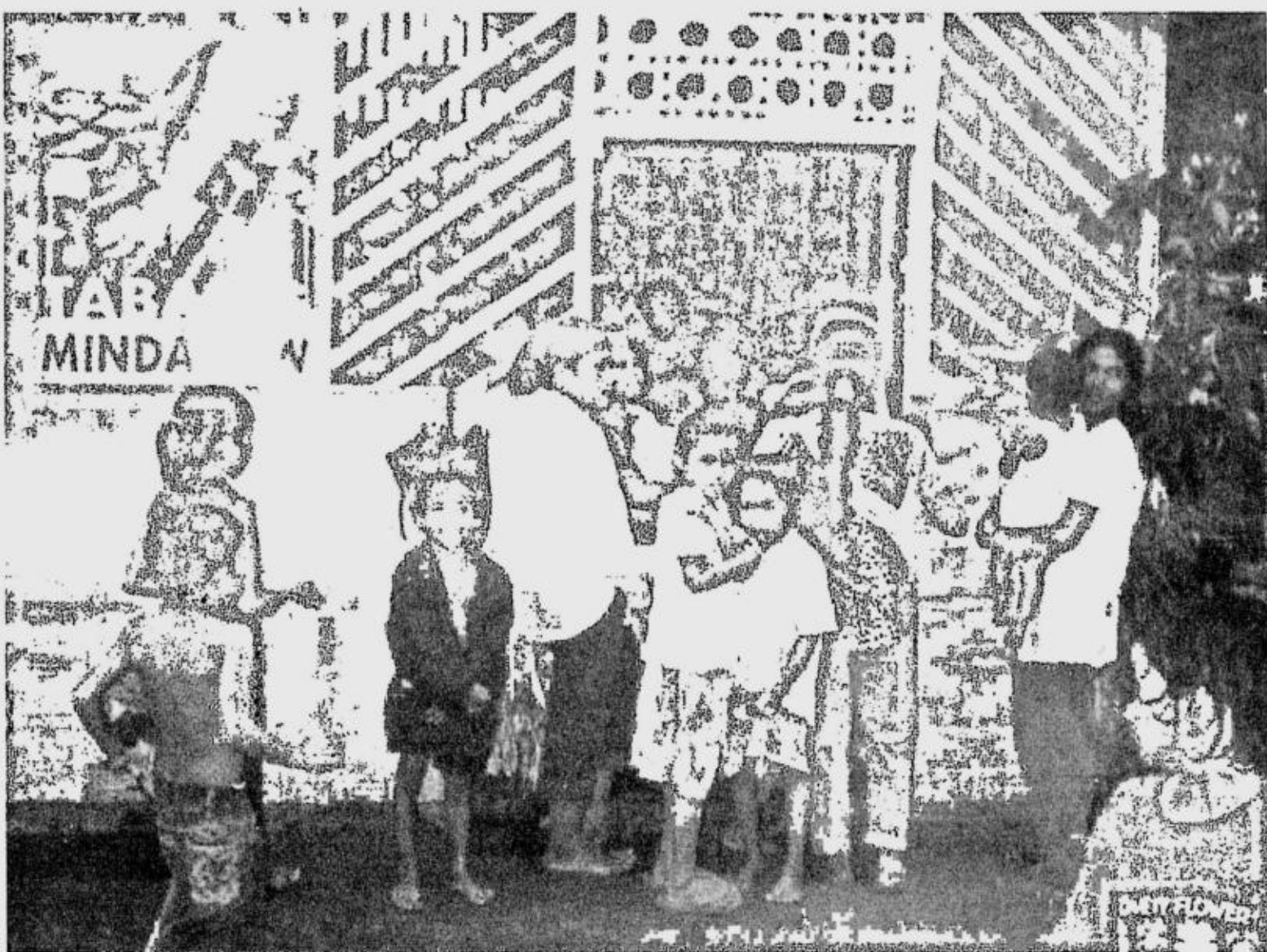
Clinical analysis

While there were only a few cases of severely malnourished kids, many of them were found moderately malnourished following a "clinical analysis."

"Severe malnutrition is not the cause... it is another factor aside from the disease because the resistance to diseases is reduced if you are malnourished. During the mission, we thought, if the children are moderately malnourished, they could be death candidates after their condition drops to severe malnutrition," he said.

In that medical mission, he said, they noted some "sectoral gaps" in the evacuation centers.

These include the non-availability of regular provisions of potable water, which increased the threat of waterborne diseases, rationed food which is limited and not nutritionally sufficient, limited medical services, and congestion in the evacuation centers.



ONE of the health tents built by Tabang Mindanaw in Barangay Batulawan in Pikit, North Cotabato.

JEFFREY TUPAS

"The number of (evacuees) is staggering, and the casualties, particularly infants and children, continue to die in the evacuation centers because of illness and malnutrition. Potable water is scarce, food ration is insufficient, and medicines and medical care are scarce," Merli B. Mendoza, Tabang Mindanaw executive coordinator said.

"Help is needed!"

The latest death count in the evacuation center has recently risen to more than 50 people. One of those killed was two-year-old Edris, whom the doctor described as Pikit's version of Africa's poster child.

And death among the evacuees is what Tabang Mindanaw and its partners want to prevent.

After the medical mission, the doctor said, they proposed to Tabang Mindanaw and the Philippines-Canada Development Fund that health tents be built in all major evacuation centers here to fully monitor the health status of the evacuees. The program is called Integrated Emergency Health Management Program (IEHMP).

With the health tents are play centers for the children.

The tents and play centers were built in Batulawan, Buisan (warehouse), Mahad Port Pikit, Macabual, all in Pikit and Galakit in Pagalungan, Maguindanao.

Mendoza said that the program sets a precedent in the implementation of integrated rehabilitation in an emergency situation primarily because of its integrated emergency health management approach.

"In the initial stage of an emergency, relief services are usually carried out to sustain the internally displaced communities' basic needs while rehabilitation starts much later. The IEHMP initiates rehabilitation at the time of initial emergency by identifying actual gaps and mobilizing the communities to manage their own health care delivery system," Mendoza said.

Tents

The tents, although not really "tents," are built sturdier to withstand the heavy rains pouring in Mindanao, Mendoza said.

The tents are made of nipa and kalakat. It is a spacious building with two rooms, an isolation room and treatment room, and another wider room for referrals. The play center is also made of the same light materials but is a smaller version of the health tent.

The objectives of the tents are:

- To prevent deaths and sickness in the evacuation sites through the provision of nutritional support to children under five, pregnant women, lactating mothers and the elderly who are the most vulnerable among the whole population; a supplemental feeding program for the same beneficiaries will be implemented while the severely malnourished children and adults will be referred to other places for therapeutic feeding.

- To correct moderate malnutrition and prevent more malnutrition in the internally displaced communities.

- To furnish children with space for recreational and educational activities to reduce stress among children caused by displacement and neglect.

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- To serve as a venue for training local community health workers on primary health care strategies. It will also be a center for community health education and advocacy of rational drug use, personal hygiene and community sanitation.

Prevention

Mendoza said that the health strategy of the health tents revolves around the concept of primary health care intervention. Prevention will be promoted, rationalizing every aspect of health delivery system, and training will be given the health personnel on the front lines for an eventual community service program.

"Our approach is anticipatory and participatory," the doctor also said.

"We were expecting that many evacuees will die, at least we're prepared for it. In any disaster, the most important response is preparedness not only (on) the resources," he added.

The INQUIRER found that Tabang Mindanaw and its partner is currently training would-be health workers who are not professionals but are evacuees themselves.

After the short training, they will be manning the health tents and play centers.

The doctor said that while the trainees do not have technical knowledge about health care—some of them can barely read and write—their domestic experiences and gained knowledge from the training can help them carry out health services to

their fellow evacuees.

The trainees were made to create a "problem map" where they identify the problems that are confronting them right now and would allow them to later craft possible solutions to these problems.

"The cornerstone of the project is the training of local volunteers for health care delivery and identification of sectoral gaps at the evacuation centers. The central role of the evacuee aims to approximate the pre-evacuation independence vis-à-vis situations where psychosocial breakdowns and dole-out systems of relief exist," Mendoza said.

Training

The doctor said they are training the evacuees because the evacuees have to be part of the program.

"Tabang Mindanaw is just playing the facilitator's role," he said.

Mendoza also noted that since illness is the result of any gap in sectoral interventions, the community health workers would be at the forefront of camp management against the typical role of a support service, which takes this factor as secondary in nature.

"But these health workers, while they could help the implementation of the program, more professional health workers, like doctors, are badly being sought," Mendoza said.

Now, there are only three doctors attending to the needs of the evacuees here, one of whom oversees the implementation of the program.



A CHILD in an evacuation center in Munai, Lanao del Norte. GRACE ALBASIN

Surigao del Sur's quirks

HERE'S a classic believe-it-or-not tale. A Cebuana asked someone at the wharf in Tandag, Surigao del Sur on what boat was sailing for Cebu that day. The man replied, "Inday uno."

She went to the nearby passenger terminal and waited. Seeing no boat at bay, she asked the same question to one of only three persons around. She got the same answer.

It was late in the afternoon and still no boat in the horizon. Already worried, she again asked the same question to one of the boys who were playing. The boy said, "Inday uno."

When dusk set in, the woman approached the guard in the other building. She was told that no boat was sailing for Cebu that day.

Feeling a bit confused, she insisted, "But they said Inday uno is sailing today."

The guard smiled and said, "Ma'am Inday Uno is not a boat; it's the Surigaonon for 'I don't know.'"

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and balay bayay.

For this, Surigaonons are

DUGONG MINDANAW

Romel Oribe

We want to know what the Mindanaoan youngblood, middle-aged blood or high blood are thinking about what's happening in Mindanao and the rest of the country.—Ed.

We Surigaonons are being derided for our dialect. When my classmates knew on my first day at the University of San Carlos in Cebu City that I was from Surigao del Sur, someone at the back shouted,

"Bay, muadto ta sa swimming puy para mag-yangoy-yangoy" (Man, let's go to the swimming pool to swim.)

I smiled and kept my freshman cool. What this nut didn't know was that being from the central part of Surigao del Sur (SDS), I don't waggle my tongue in waya-wayaya though I'm proficient in it.

Contrary to popular notion, only people from the mainland and islands of Surigao del

Norte (SDN) are solid waya-wayaya speakers because SDS has a slew of dialects including, well, a bastardized waya-wayaya.

Twists

The five northernmost towns of SDS known collectively as Carcanmadcarlan, speak waya-wayaya with a twist, that is, abridging some of the words by dropping either a syllable or vowel ending.

The words waya (none), imo (yours) and ako (mine) in SDN become ya, im and ak in SDS. Thus the phrase "wayaya ako bayay" (I have no house) in SDN translates into "yay ak bay" in SDS.

There's even this joke that a mass is shorter when said in Cantilan than in SDS's capital town of Tandag because instead of saying "lawas ni Kristo" (body of Christ), the priest would say "la ni Kris" and the parishioners would answer "Am" instead of Amen.

Being from the central part of SDS, I speak Tagon-on whose one peculiarity is the substitution of l with r. Thus wala becomes wara in Tago.

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(handsomest).

A's

The southern part of SDS speaks in kamayo which is filled with a's; so kaon (eat), ako (mine) and iya (his) become kaan, kanak and kanaan respectively.

The most popular yarn about kamayo involves a bride who takes a groom not from SDS. On their honeymoon night, she calls for him from the bathroom, "Sweetheart, kamanga ako."

She waits a while before she opens the door to his knock. Shocked to find him on the floor, she says, "What are you doing?"

He looks up to her and says, "You said crawl, didn't you?" "Honey," she purrs in her bedroom voice, "kamanga" may mean 'crawl' in Bisaya but in kamayo it means 'take me.'"

So there. The next time you meet a Surigaonon, know his provenance first and from there, know what you say. Or better still, say what you know.



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NOTICE OF SALES OF DELINQUENT
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By virtue of the provisions of Section 260 & 263 of RA 7160, otherwise known as The Local Government Code of 1991, the undersigned will sell at public auction on May 30, 2003, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. at the main entrance Taxpayer's Lounge, Quezon City Hall, Diliman, Quezon City, the real property herein below specified which are hereby certified to be delinquent in the payment of real estate tax, to satisfy all delinquent real property taxes, penalties, and costs due thereon as of the date of sale.

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Alinsunod sa itinatadhana ng Section 260 & 263 ng RA 7160, o ang tinatawag na Local Government Code of 1991 ang nakalagda sa ibaba ay magsusubasta sa publiko sa Mayo 30, 2003, sa ganap na ika-10:00 ng umaga sa main entrance Taxpayer's Lounge, Quezon City Hall, Diliman, Quezon City, ng mga ari-ariang binabanggit sa ibaba na napatunayan na hindi bayad upang mabayaran ang amorosong buwis, multa at halaga ng pagsusubasta.

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4	02-00512-B-41	8	589	*	SANTOL	IMP	RES	3390	JUAN BIDES	1995-03(1)	15,213.28	OCT#7251
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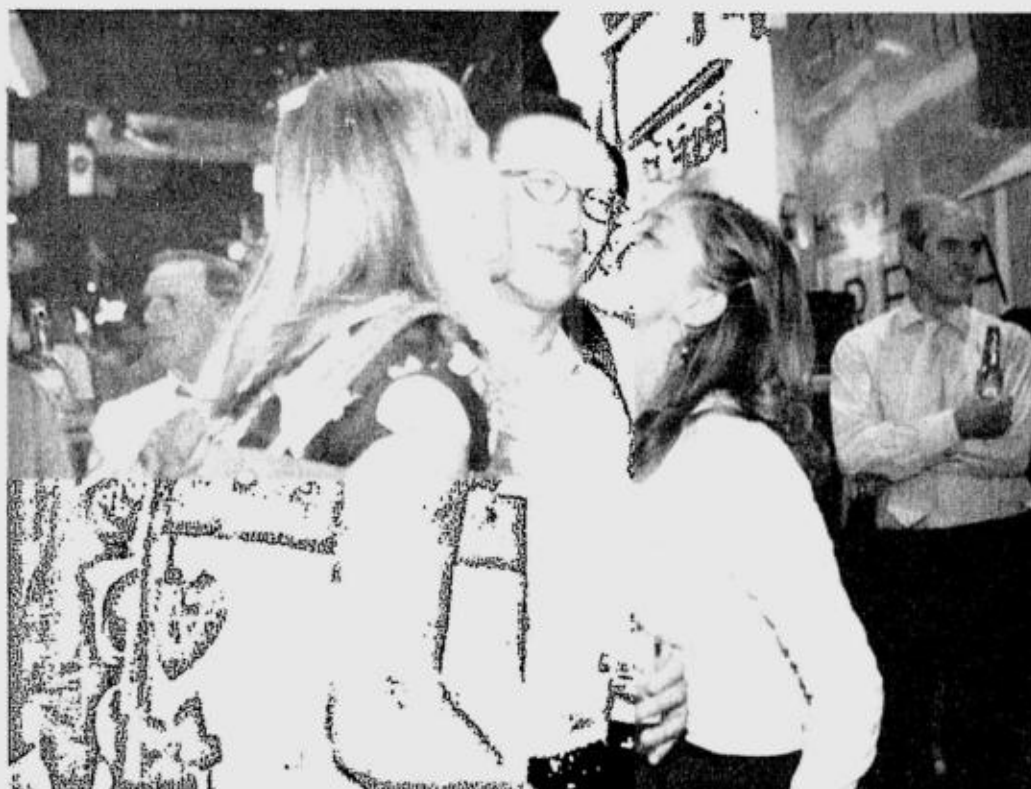
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serious money again," Lau said with a smile.

Travel and tourism have been the worst hit industries and the retail, restaurant and entertainment sectors have also been badly hit by the outbreak, although there have been recent signs that local people were starting to venture out again.

The WHO, in lifting its Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome warning against nonessential travel to Hong Kong and the southern Chinese province of Guangdong, said the outbreaks in the two regions were being contained and the situation had improved significantly.

Don't drop guard

But some cautioned a full recovery could take time.

Thousands of Hong Kong residents are still wearing surgical masks, and local media sounded out a note of caution, saying the lifting of the advisory was only the first step toward recovery. They warned residents not to drop their guard.

The Chinese-language Ta Kung Pao daily noted Hong Kong remained on the WHO's list of SARS-affected areas.

Yesterday, Hong Kong said it had no reports of new SARS infections for the first time since the outbreak of the deadly virus in March.

But officials said the SARS virus killed two more people in the territory, taking the local death toll to 262. A total of 1,724 people have been infected by the disease.

Better times expected

"Now the tourists will come back," civil servant M. Yip told a reporter on her way to work Saturday morning.

A waiter at the Ocean Restaurant, Jimmy Siu, was also looking forward to better times.

"We rely a lot on tips to top up our wages and generally the tips from overseas businessmen are the most generous. But for the past couple of months we haven't had that. Business has been so bad. Sometimes there are just a couple of guests every night and no business means no job. So you can imagine we are happy to hear the news," he said.

Leung Yi-shing and his family, out on a shopping trip—a rare event in recent weeks—was also pleased to hear the announcement.

"Of course we are happy. We are Hong Kong people and we want Hong Kong to do well. Its hard living in a place where everyone is miserable and wearing masks. The WHO decision also helps to ease our anxiety. If the WHO ... says the situation is under control, then we feel more at ease to come out to eat and shop," he said.

"Today is the first time for a long time that we are eating out. Usually we also wear masks when we go to public places but it's safer now and so we told the kids they didn't have to," he added.

The WHO's recommendation against travel to the territory had devastated airlines, tourism and other businesses, costing Hong Kong millions and leaving its image badly tarnished.

Hong Kong Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa credited the "effort of all the people of Hong Kong."

A travel industry official said on a talk show he's aiming for a 20 percent increase in business in June.

Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong executive director Joseph Tung told reporters local agencies were already recouping some of their losses through discounted short-stay packages targeting Asian tourists.

Too soon to celebrate

But others say it may be too soon to toss the confetti.

Accountant Wilson Yam predicted it would take time to overcome Hong Kong's stigma.

"The tourists won't suddenly rush back in," Yam said.

"It may take months for the international community to regain confidence in Hong Kong," legislator Emily Lau said in a statement.

Hong Kong-based Cathay Pacific Airways said the company would adopt a wait-and-see attitude and had no immediate plans to change its flight schedule.

Passenger demand "will not come back strongly or quickly," spokesperson Lisa Wong said.

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318,000 civilians displaced

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while she was on her way to her state visit in the United States.

He added that Ms Macapagal had realized that her order "proved too costly" for the civilian population, and would now call a halt to military operations "to appease the locals."

In Zamboanga City, Southern Command chief Maj. Gen. Roy Kyamko said the military was succeeding in implementing the President's order for punitive actions against "erring members" of the MILF.

Kyamko said that since the start of the fresh military campaign, 77 rebels had been killed and 14 others wounded.

He did not explain how the military reached that count, but he had earlier said that civilians were providing the figures on rebel casualties.

Kyamko also said that unlike in previous campaigns against the MILF, the military had so far suffered "one casualty."

But in Cotabato City, MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu said the Armed Forces was painting a rosy picture of its ongoing campaign against the rebel group in order to boost Ms Macapagal's sagging popularity.

Kabalu said the military actions against the MILF were "preparatory moves for the 2004 election," the President having received "the all-out commitment of the United States to support

her leadership."

Progress report

Kyamko said he would report the progress of the campaign to Ms Macapagal when she arrives in Mindanao tomorrow.

"I will tell her that her expectations—primarily to dislodge the perceived terrorist cells, to protect the people and to show the government's intention to punish the perpetrators of [the] Maigo and Siocon [bombings]—were implemented accordingly," he said.

At least 27 civilians were killed when MILF rebels staged attacks this month in Maigo, Lanao del Norte, and in Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte.

In contrast, "there was no civilian killed in the punitive actions despite the air and artillery attacks we conducted," Kyamko said.

Citing "the minimal destruction noted in the targeted communities," he bragged about the precision of aircraft pilots and ground shelling artillery troops.

"Our bombs and shells were marked 'for criminals only,'" he said in jest. "That's why they hit only bad elements."

But in Lanao del Norte, MILF leader Abdurahman Macapaar alias Commander Bravo said the military was lying about the zero civilian casualty.

"In (Barangay) Sakangkong (in Munai town) alone, the military executed 11 civilians who could not provide information about the MILF. They suspected

these civilians to be working with us," Bravo said.

He also denied that the MILF was behind the burning of school buildings and houses in Munai.

Fabrications

Kabalu said the AFP had resorted to fabrications just to paint a rosy picture of the offensive.

He cited the military report about an MILF camp overrun in Munai and the surrender of supposed MILF guerrillas. He said that there was no MILF camp in Munai, and that those who surrendered were members of the Moro National Liberation Front who did so more than six years ago.

According to Kabalu, the fabrications also include military reports of more than 100 armed insurgents in Maguindanao, North Cotabato and the Lanao provinces.

On Friday, Maj. Gen. Generoso Senga, commander of the Army's 6th Infantry Division in Maguindanao, reported the capture of another MILF camp there.

He said Camp Kararao near the former Camp Abubakar fell after intense military shelling. He said MILF chair Salamat Hashim was said to have used the camp after fleeing the Bulio complex in Pikit, North Cotabato, in February.

But Kabalu also laughed off Senga's claim.

He said this was part of the military effort to impress Ms Macapagal, whose visit to Mindanao "signals the start of her



RUNNING for cover: Evacuees in Munai, Lanao del Norte, shield their faces against the wind and dust stirred by a landing chopper loaded to visiting VIPs from Manila.

silent campaign for the presidency."

"You see, we were right when we said the military attacks were aimed at convincing US President George W. Bush to give more money to the Philippine government," he said.

Anti-terrorist Tiglao

In Manila, a militant fisherfolk group assailed the President's chief of staff Rigoberto Tiglao for his "anti-terrorist advisory" on the alleged MILF plot to bomb crowded areas in Mindanao.

"This was meant to demonize the MILF and the Moro people in a bid to place the separatist group in the list of foreign terrorist organizations, and discredit [it] before the Organization of Islamic Conference," Pamalakaya said in a statement.

Pamalakaya information officer Gerry Albert Corpuz said Tiglao wanted to "make a big comeback" in the political scene by throwing at the MILF "black propaganda" supplied by the military.

"Tiglao is now a certified psy-war specialist and the self-appointed mouthpiece of the militarist clique in the Macapagal-Arroyo camp," Corpuz added.

Citing intelligence reports, Tiglao had said that the MILF special operations group had distributed improvised bombs to "ordinary foot soldiers" for detonation in crowded areas in Mindanao.

The MILF has denied this claim. Reports from Michael Lim Ubac and TJ Burgonio in Manila; Charlie C. Señase, Grace C. Albasin and Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau

GMA to visit Cagayan de Oro, Davao City

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

DESPITE its claim that the Moro Islamic Liberation Front is planning more bombings in Mindanao, Malacañang is not scrapping President Macapagal-Arroyo's two-day visit to the region

starting tomorrow.

The President has cut her visit to the United States by a day to come home today and see to the ongoing military campaign against "embedded terrorist cells" in Mindanao.

She is scheduled to visit Ca-

gayan de Oro, Tubod in Lanao del Norte, and Davao City on May 26-27.

Last Friday her chief of staff Rigoberto Tiglao said military intelligence reports had indicated that the MILF was planning to bomb more public places in Min-

danao, including schools.

Asked if Ms Macapagal would not be in danger during her visit, Tiglao said: "That's the risk the President is taking."

"She will not shirk such responsibilities," he said in a phone interview with Palace reporters.

The President is planning a longer visit to Mindanao on June 10-17 after her June 2-6 visit to South Korea and Japan.

Tiglao said the President's prolonged stay in Mindanao was not just for show, as MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu had claimed.

"If they did not attack Siocon [in Zamboanga del Norte] or if people connected to them [did not] bomb the Davao airport and the Sasa wharf, perhaps the President would not have felt the necessity to go to Mindanao," Tiglao said.

Self-cleansing in paradise ...

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Here's another wonder: The lake seems to have a peculiar self-cleansing process wherein dried leaves, twigs and other natural debris are drawn toward the center—and disappear.

Indeed, one can hardly see debris floating on the surface of Maughan, which also hosts aquatic life including tilapia and other fish varieties.

A trip there will not be complete without a dip in the cool blue water. You can swim and dive to your heart's content—but no soap and shampoo, please.

Non-swimmers may ask the lake's caretaker to arrange for a boat ride, which is made more pleasant by the sound of chirping birds and the sight of wild plants and ancient moss festooning the trees around the lake.

Or you can just sit on the shore, quietly chewing gum. But remember to take the gum—and its wrapper—with you.

Three-hour climb

To get to the foot of Mt. Parker in Salacafe, one takes an hour-long ride from the town poblacion on a *habal-habal*, an improvised motorcycle good for five to six passengers, or a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

From there, it takes a grueling three-hour climb to get to the peak—a factor sure to draw endurance buffs.

Trekkers will be thrilled as well to see Parker's rich biodiversity.

It is where rare wild fruit-bearing shrubs like blue berries and pitcher plants abound, and it is home to the rare butterfly species known as "*Parantica Dannatti Reyesi*."

It was Prof. Josue delos Reyes of the Koronadal-based Notre Dame Marbel University who discovered the butterfly. An account of his find was published in December 1994 in the entomological journal of Germany's Senckenberg Research Institute.

'Deep water'

To the T'boli folk, Lake Maughan is Holon (for "deep water.")

It got its name from a certain Colonel Maughan, a US Army pilot whose plane crashed while he was conducting mapping and survey operations. He was with a Colonel Parker, for whom the volcano was named.

The last recorded eruption of Mt. Parker was in the 16th century, according to data from the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology. In time, the resulting caldera developed into a lake.

The T'boli folk consider Holon



RARE flora and fauna abounds on the edge of Lake Maughan. Local lore says it used to be the center of the first T'boli settlements and the dwelling place of a powerful god and creator.

a *lemlunay*, or a paradise. Local lore says it is the center of early T'boli civilization and the dwelling place of the powerful god called Datu Kemubeng Bukay or Mulu (creator).

Visitors are allowed to walk around, but they are enjoined to be respectful of the god and spirits guarding the area. This has helped preserve nature at its best.

The Lake Maughan Festival, held every year on April 26-28, highlights the lake's beauty and

economic importance and, more important, the history and rich cultural heritage of the T'boli.

On Dec. 9, 1996, the municipality of T'boli passed an ordinance declaring the 6,400 hectares surrounding Maughan an ecotourism and conservation area and creating the Lake Maughan Conservation and Ecotourism Development Authority (LMCEDA).

The measure is aimed at promoting the site as a tourist destination. The approval of the LM-

CEDA is required for the construction of roads, houses, buildings and other tourist-related facilities there.

The LMCEDA prohibits mining, quarrying, illegal logging, slash-and-burn farming, hunting of wild animals and picking of exotic plants and flowers.

It has sponsored such activities as mountain climbing, tree planting and environment-related symposiums to enhance the ecological awareness of both residents and visitors.

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medication as St. Luke's has waived all fees including those of the attending physicians and surgeons, said Jeremaia's grandfather, Jesus Matubis Jr.

Mayo Clinic

It was Matubis who first brought to the INQUIRER's attention what seemed then to be Jeremaia's hopeless condition. For the INQUIRER, he wrote a moving account of the journey of Jeremaia, who weighed only 5 kilos and was all skin and bones, to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Jeremaia became the Mayo Clinic's first humanitarian case from Asia.

"She gave a face to biliary atresia patients and the hope that these children can survive even if they don't come from wealthy families," said Matubis.

"Before, pediatricians would say that a child no longer has a chance if he or she had biliary atresia. But we fought for Jeremaia and proved that one doesn't have to be a multi-millionaire to deal with the disease. This is what we are telling families of biliary atresia babies," he said.

"She's so well, her doctor said he feels useless," said Jeremaia's aunt and her first prospective liver donor Hiyas.

Jeremaia, her mother Jesselou, and her aunts Hiyas and Yasmin arrived here from Rochester for Hiyas' wedding in Manila. Hiyas would have been Jeremaia's liver donor until an anonymous American couple donated the liver of their dying baby.

Overwhelmed

Jeremaia was in top form when she arrived here despite the exhausting 20-hour trip from the US with a stopover in SARS-infected Taiwan.

She was smiling and giggling throughout her welcome at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. She gamely allowed quarantine officials to examine her with a thermal strip as they went through the terminal concourse.

"Thanks for coming to my arrival," Jeremaia told reporters at the airport.

"I want to go the beach and play in the sand," she added, a wish that she may have to forego for a while.

Her mother Jesselou said that while Jeremaia is well, her anti-rejection drugs make her prone to skin cancer. Her doctors advised against prolonged exposure to sunlight.

"I'm so overwhelmed. It's so unbelievable seeing her transformed from a scrawny baby to this healthy little girl. It truly

strengthens one's faith in God," said Jesselou at the airport.

"We would like to thank Naia general manager Edgardo Manda and President Macapagal-Arroyo for their help...and all the people who offered prayers, gave money. Thank you very much," Jesselou added.

The coordination for their accommodations at the Mayo Clinic was handled by Manda, when he was still chief-of-staff of then Vice President Macapagal-Arroyo, upon Ms Macapagal's orders.

House of love

Jeremaia, her mom and aunts stayed at the Ronald McDonald House of Love, the lodging house for Mayo Clinic's pediatric patients, during their first year in Rochester.

Aside from having to stay away from the country's tropical heat, she can do almost everything and eat her favorite foods. "She loves cheeseburgers and *adobo*," Jesselou said.

Jeremaia was found to be suffering from biliary atresia in July 1999 and required a liver transplant. The surgery was not then being performed in the Philippines and her family had to raise \$250,000 (P8 million at the time) for a transplant in the US.

Her case was accepted by the Mayo Clinic as its first humanitarian case from Asia. The media also carried her story and gave a face to the hundreds of babies with biliary atresia who, before Jeremaia's story, had suffered anonymously.

Endless blessings

Jeremaia went to the US for her transplant on March 15, 2000. Some 15 days after arriving in Rochester, Jeremaia's condition worsened, and doctors decided immediately to go ahead with the surgery instead of waiting for her to gain more weight.

Aunt Hiyas was set to donate a portion of her liver for Jeremaia but, in what the Matubis family considers the unending blessings of God for the little girl, an unnamed American couple decided to donate the liver of their baby who had died an hour before her scheduled transplant.

The baby's liver was a perfect match for Jeremaia and three hours after it was transplanted, the liver began to function perfectly.

Apart from assisting biliary atresia babies, Lift BABIES seeks to spread information on biliary atresia, which remains largely misunderstood, focus on liver transplantation as a means of saving babies and children afflicted with liver ailments, encourage organ donation and lobby for a National Liver Transplant Fund.

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Tree-less Katipunan Ave. planned

By Lella Salaverria

THE METRO Manila Development Authority plans to uproot the trees along Katipunan Road in Quezon City and demolish the center island to increase road space in time for the opening of school two weeks from now.

According to MMDA Traffic Operations Center Director Angelito Vergel de Dios, they are expecting heavy traffic in the Katipunan area where several populous schools are located, including the University of the Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University and Miriam College.

Vergel de Dios said that by widening

the road, they would minimize traffic congestion that is expected to occur.

He said that the removal of the island on Katipunan Road would allow for faster and smoother vehicular flow.

The trees along the island would be removed by a baling machine, borrowed from the Marikina government, before they are re-planted in a park, he added.

The area where the island used to be would be laid over with asphalt.

Aside from Katipunan, the MMDA would also widen Quezon Avenue, which is also set to be turned into a clearway.

This means there would be no left turn and no crossing on its intersections. Vergel de Dios said the widening of Quezon Avenue is vital because that road is used by students commuting to and from Quezon City and Manila.

"We have to widen all the roads that the students will possibly use to get to their schools," he said.

España Avenue, on the other hand, would be subject to more intense sidewalk clearing operations to remove obstructions that hamper traffic flow.

As for the university belt in Manila, the traffic director said that the widening of roads in the area is not possible anymore.

The most that could be done, he said, is for traffic enforcers to be more strict in implementing the rules.

"There could be no more geometric improvements in (the university belt) area," Vergel de Dios said. "We'll just have to apprehend more violators."

"There should be no more 'negotiations' (between the traffic enforcer and the driver). If a driver feels he shouldn't have been issued a ticket, then he could file a complaint with the MMDA," he added.

The MMDA would also re-deploy its traffic enforcers on June 9 to roads that are likely to be clogged by vehicles ferrying students to school, he said.

Police presence beefed up for school opening

By Jerome Anling, Tina Santos and Nelson Flores

THE POLICE have established security measures for the start of the school year.

In Manila, the Western Police District would be deploying 300 additional policemen to safeguard the hundreds of thousands of students flocking to various schools next month.

WPD spokesperson Floriano Agunod said at least two radio-equipped and armed officers would be posted in each school to deter criminals and terrorists.

On Friday, Manila Mayor Lito Atienza ordered barangay officials to assign watchmen to help the police and school authorities maintain peace in the city's 70 public elementary schools and 32 public high schools.

The WPD would also coordinate with the security offices of private schools in Manila's Chinatown to prevent the kidnapping of Chinese-Philippine children in the area, he added.

Likewise, Chief Supt. Marcelino Franco Jr., Northern Police District Office director, has also tasked the chiefs of police in the Camanava (Caloocan-Malabon-Navotas-Valenzuela) area to coordinate with school officials in beefing up security measures.

"I would like to assure the parents that we will do everything we can to ensure the safety of their children," Franco said.

Additional cops will also be deployed in the schools' premises.

The director of the Eastern Police District Office, Chief Supt. Rolando Sacramento, is seeing to it that criminals would not be able to lay their hands on well-off students in San Juan town, as well as in Mandaluyong, Pasig and Marikina cities.

Marikina City police chief Senior Supt. Felipe Rojas said he would concentrate his men in the city's elementary and high schools. He added that local barangay personnel would augment security in strategic areas.

Many sidewalk vendors sell dirty goods, says MMDA

By Lella Salaverria

PREVENTING people from buying from sidewalk vendors is actually good for the people's health.

Metro Manila Development Authority general manager Robert Naclanceno said yesterday that many goods sold in illegal sidewalk stalls pose health risks to buyers.

Naclanceno was reacting to news reports that the recently passed Metro Manila Council ordinance that seeks to penalize those who buy from sidewalk vendors is anti-poor.

"The products they're selling may be sub-standard but who's going to regulate them?" he said. "We've seen during clearing operations that there are sometimes cockroaches and rats under the stalls of the vendors."

He added that with the ordinance, the MMDA and the MMC are actually "protecting the health of the people."

"There could be better choices (than the wares of sidewalk vendors)," he said.

Naclanceno added that people from all walks of life, not just the poor, buy from sidewalk vendors, and thus have to be protected.

The MMC has also noted in the resolution that illegal vendors proliferate because of the support they get from consumers.

The MMDA is implementing a campaign to rid sidewalks of obstructions to improve traffic flow.

Earlier, the militant group Sanlakas criticized the plan to punish those who buy from sidewalk vendors, saying the poor would be the most affected by it because the relatively cheaper goods of the sidewalk vendors are all they could afford.

The group also revealed that several vendors had suffered from abuses allegedly committed by sidewalk clearing operatives.

Naclanceno said the vendors could always file a complaint with the police for proper action.



A PARK GOES BALD

Heartless poachers have broken into the Nayong Pilipino property in Pasay City and chopped up a substantial number of Narra trees planted in the closed park.

ROGER MARGALLO

Columnist, bus driver in traffic spat

By Alcuin Papa

A BUS driver has accused a newspaper columnist of pointing a gun at him during a confrontation on Edsa yesterday morning.

Milo Calong, driver of Mayamy Bus Lines, told police he was turning left from East Avenue to Edsa in Quezon City at around 8 a.m. when he veered into the lane of Jarius Bondoc, a columnist of the Philippine Star, who was driving a dark blue Isuzu Fuego.

"I had to veer to the right to pick up passengers," Calong claimed. "His

(Bondoc's) vehicle just appeared."

He alleged that an angry Bondoc got down from his vehicle with a pistol of still undetermined caliber in hand to confront him.

Calong told the police that Bondoc pointed his gun at him during their confrontation.

Interviewed by the INQUIRER over the phone, Bondoc said he drew his gun, but denied pointing it at Calong.

He claimed that Calong's bus nearly plowed into his vehicle and three others and they had to give chase because Calong drove on.

He said he caught up with the

driver at the corner of Kamuning Street and Edsa.

There, Bondoc said, he first called on traffic enforcers to complain about the incident. When nothing was resolved, he said, he then called the police.

Some witnesses, however, claimed that the terrified bus driver reported the matter immediately to the police.

Investigators at the Kamuning police station told reporters that Calong's passengers were willing to testify against Bondoc.

Bondoc said he filed a complaint of reckless imprudence against Calong.

Dog day morning in Marikina

By Elvira Mata Contributor

IN MOST cities, dogs, not jeepneys, reign king of the roads. They pooh anywhere, run after cars, sniff and often snip at the heels of pedestrians.

If the Animal Protection and Control Office (Apco) can help it, not in the city of Marikina.

Every morning from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Apco dogcatchers make the rounds of Marikina neighborhoods—from subdivisions to middle-class neighborhoods to resettlement areas—to pick up strays. The vehicle is small and has been repainted a couple of times, but it can seat four people in front namely: driver, logtaker and two dogcatchers, and at most 20 to 25 animals at the back.

In the old days, dogcatchers used a long bamboo pole with a rope looped at the end which would fit snugly around the neck of a stray dog. Things haven't changed much since.

Marikina dogcatchers use a meter-long metal pipe with a retractable rubber noose at the end. With skill that comes only with experience, the dogcatcher gets the noose around the animal's neck, pulls at the other end and the noose tightens. While the animal struggles, he quickly puts him in the two waiting cages in the vehicle, and loosens the noose. Yes, it is painful, but it is all over in a few seconds.

Dogs and cats are usually separated. But if Apco happens to pick up fighting cocks, ducks or the occasional



A DOGCATCHER shows how to net a stray dog (left), but the day's catch almost always includes stray cats and ducks as well.

PHOTOS BY ED SANTIAGO

turkey, dogs and cats stay in the same cage. They huddle together in a corner, too shocked to realize they are each other's natural enemy.

Like a mailman bearing long overdue bills, no one is glad to see the dogcatcher. When the Apco vehicle drives by a neighborhood, dogs behind fences start to bark, owners call their dogs to the house (some have been let out in the street to relieve themselves which is also against the law), and gates are

slammed shut. Being a dogcatcher is no picnic. There's always the danger of getting bitten by a rabid dog, or worse, getting into fight with animal owners.

"If it's a first violation, we give them a warning and we log it. The next time it happens, we take the animal away. The people of Marikina are well-informed about the law. What's interesting is that the people who get really upset and sometimes put up a fight are the owners of fighting cocks, not dogs

or cats," reveals Dr. Manuel C. Carlos, acting chief of Apco.

The Marikina city pound is located at the Public Services Center, Agora Complex, Barangay Sto. Niño. There are two Apco vehicles which on a good day can bring in 50 strays. The animals are unloaded the same way they were caught—using the metal pipe with a noose—and quickly put in cages.

Owners pay a fine (P500 plus P25 a day boarding fee) and are given five days to claim their pets, after which the animal is either put to sleep by lethal injection or put up for adoption. Few people come to claim their dogs or cats, which are fed once a day with dry food donated by Nestlé. The fighting cocks are usually bailed out after a day or two.

The new Marikina Animal Code of 2003 signed recently makes it compulsory for dog owners to register their dogs at the barangay starting June.

"For a fee of P75, the dog will be given a tag and an anti-rabies vaccination," says Councilor Jose Fabian I. Cadiz, M.D., who introduced the new animal code which also disallows residents in resettlement areas to keep pets.

"The average family in a resettlement has five members and they live in a 20- to 25-sq. m. area. Do they really have room for a pet?" says Cadiz.

"We are not against people owning pets. But they have to be responsible pet owners. They must give their pets clean water and a balanced diet, have them vaccinated against rabies, and provide a place for them to rest."

METROBRIEFS

More WW II bombs turn up

AFTER more than a dozen World War II artillery shells turned up in two Metro Manila cities, four more vintage ordnance were found in a junk shop in Malabon City yesterday. According to Supt. Pete Ramos, Malabon police chief, a Dante Mendoza called the police to report that there were live shells in his junk shop on M.H. del Pilar Street, Panghulo. Mendoza said one of his helpers unwittingly bought the rusted and mud-covered bombs from a scavenger. Members of the local Special Weapons and Tactics unit secured the bombs at around 12:30 p.m. and turned these over to Camp Crame for proper disposition.

Man steals from his kin

ANTONIO NACUA, 49, allegedly broke into the Caloocan City house of his brother-in-law, Nestor Ramirez, and swept the place clean of cash and valuables. Police said Nacua went to the house of Ramirez in Phase 3, Dagat-dagatan, Caloocan at around 9 a.m. yesterday to ask if he could make an overseas call on the victim's phone. Ramirez gladly accommodated Nacua and left him alone in the house. As soon as he was alone, Nacua opened the backdoor of the house to let in his two cohorts, one of them identified as Angelito Mendoza, 37, of Bagong Silang, Caloocan. Police said the three men stole cash and valuables worth P150,000. Police later arrested Nacua and Mendoza in a follow-up operation and recovered some of the loot.

Tina Santos

Killed over a bar tab

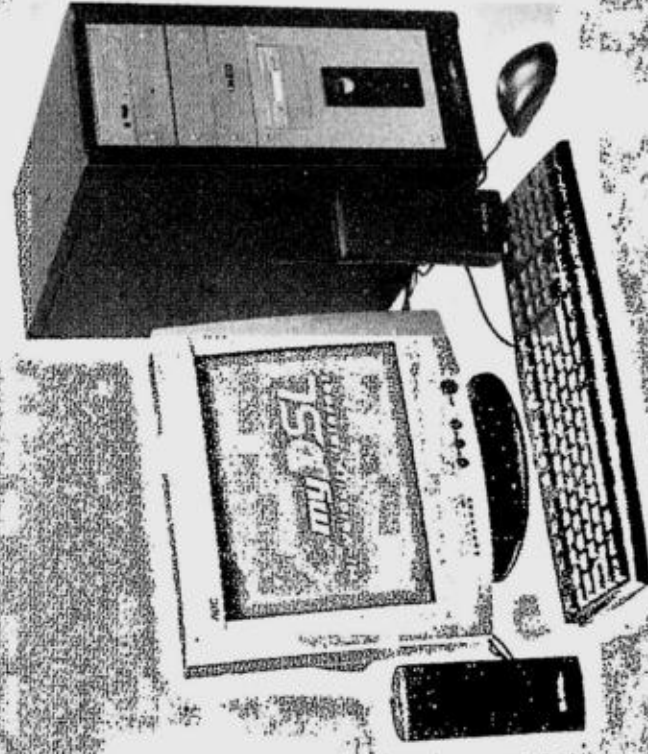
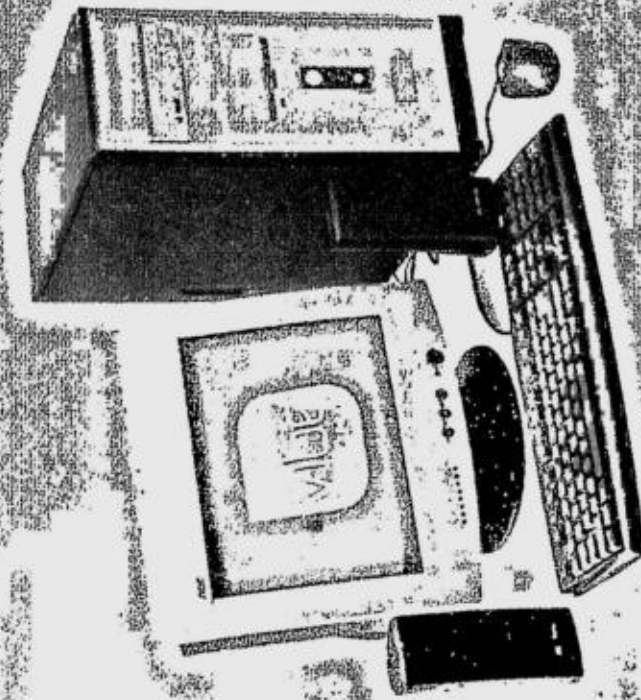
PEPITO Tantoy was stabbed to death by his drinking partner in front of a beerhouse on Viceroy Street, Riverside, Barangay Commonwealth, Quezon City. Police said Tantoy was drinking with a man identified only as Rene, when they started arguing between themselves on who should foot the bill at around 3:30 a.m. yesterday. According to the two men's companion, PO2 Marion Salapare, when Tantoy and Rene stepped out of the bar to settle their differences, the suspect pulled out a bladed weapon and stabbed the victim twice. Police are now looking for the suspect.

Alcuin Papa

Modern police office opens

PATTERNED after the New York Police Department, the satellite office of the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) promises to speed up and systematize police action in Metro Manila. The NCRPO office, located on Edsa near the corner of Kamuning Road in Quezon City, is touted to have the same crime-fighting capabilities as its counterpart in the United States. The office site has been carefully chosen to serve as the nerve center of police operations in the capital region. "The building stands as a model of what a modern police station should be in a highly congested urban center," said Deputy Director General Reynaldo Velasco, NCRPO chief.

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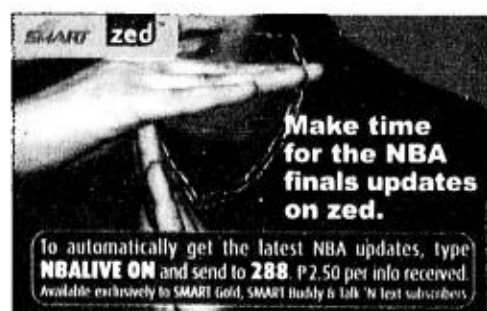
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Tañamor seeks gold vs old foe

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SEVILLE, Spain—Asian Games silver medalist Harry Tañamor has beaten Bulgaria Salim Salimov before and hopes to do it again Saturday and secure a gold medal for the RP Revicon team in the BoxAm tournament here.

"Kailangan lang ingat para di masilat (I cannot avoid to be careless if I want to win)," said the 24-year old Tañamor, a Philippine Army private first class gunning for his third international title.

The 5-foot-5 Tañamor downed Salimov in the second round en route to an RSC (Referee Stops Contest) victory in last year's light flyweight finals of the Acropolis Cup in Athens, Greece. The Zamboanga City native had earlier topped his division in the Prof. Chowdry Cup.

Philippine coach Pat Gaspi, also from the Army, said Tañamor is in fine form and has a good chance for the gold in the 11-nation, 12-team tournament.

Gaspi's main concern is the cut in the upper right eye brow sustained by Tañamor when he took the silver medal in the 7th A. Socikas Cup in Kaunas, Lithuania last week.

"Dapat huwag matamaan o ma-headbutt (He should avoid getting hit or being headbutt)," said Gaspi, who is being assisted by Alex Arroyo of the Philippine National Police.

After jogging for an hour, Tañamor sparred with Jenebert Basadre, who was asked by the coaching staff to imitate the fighting style of Salimov.

"He (Tañamor) moved well today. Unlike yesterday when he was a little bit sluggish," noted Arroyo.

Tañamor, the lone RP finalist, seemed to have gained strength after a lunch that included fried rice served especially for the Filipinos Friday when the tournament took a break.

"I'm hopeful that Tañamor would deliver," said Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines president Manny T. Lopez. "We need a clear victory."

RP Revicon is being supported here by Pacific Heights, the Philippine Sports Commission and Accel, the official outfitter.

Salimov is one of seven Bulgarians who made it to the finals. France has four finalists and South Korea three. The Scots, Mexicans and Spaniards have two each.

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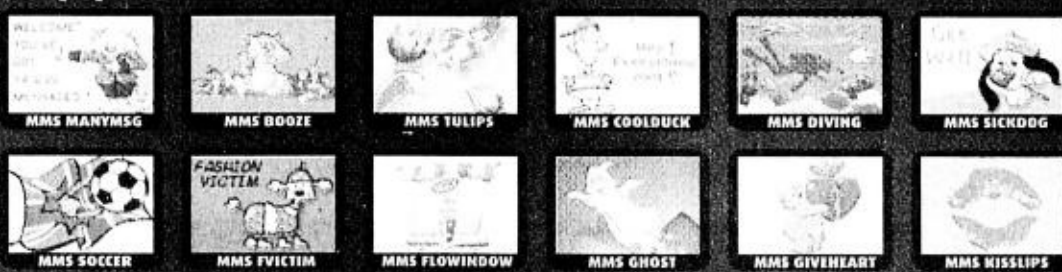


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TRIPLE CROWN OPENER

3-way fight looms in Cojuangco Cup today

By Edwin Villanueva

A THREE-way fight for the P1-million first prize is expected when the Cojuangco Cup, the first leg of local racing's Triple Crown series, unfolds this afternoon at the Santa Ana Park.

Security Master, High Octane and West Bound will be the entries to watch in the 1,600-meter contest featuring top three-year-old gallopers bidding to score a sweep last accomplished by Silver Story in 2001.

Coming off a string of five wins in his sophomore campaign, Security Master is slightly picked to notch his 11th victory in 12 outings although experts forecast a stiff challenge from High Octane

and West Bound.

High Octane, who inflicted Security Master's only loss thus far in their juvenile matchups, has been well rested since beating West Bound in the second leg of the Road to Triple Crown Stakes but the latter has had two eye-popping tuneup wins prior to today's main race.

"Magandang karera yan. Lahat yan may tsansa pero sana si Security Master ang mauna sa meta. (It's going to be a good race. Everybody has a chance to win but I'm hoping Security Master would cross the wire first)," said Myther Buñag, who co-owns the Khozaam-Milrose bay colt with Antonio Eleazar.

Security Master, with total earnings of P3.4 million so far, will be partnered

anew by Val Dilema, who has yet to taste defeat in seven runs atop the horse since November last year.

"Kung tingin nila eh tatalunin nila si Security Master baka nananaginip sila (If they think they can beat Security Master they must be dreaming)," Dilema told the Inquirer in jest yesterday.

Hermie Esguerra, High Octane's owner, said his horse is ready and expects him to set the pace anew just like in his last victory. "If he can get the lead outright it's good. He's all set for today's race."

Piloting High Octane anew is Dominador "Rapid Fire" Borbe Jr., now the Esguerra Stable's leading jockey.

West Bound, owned by the C&H Ent., will have Jonathan B. Hernandez as

skipper.

Completing the six-horse field in the event to be flagged off at 5:20 p.m. are John Mendoza's War Hero, Don Antonio Florendo Sr.'s Favorite Girl and the Niles Stable's Success Story.

Only eight horses have been able to sweep the Philippine Triple Crown thus far. They are Fair and Square (1981), Skywalker (1983), Time Master (1987), Magic Showtime (1988), Sun Dancer (1989), Strong Material (1996), Real Top (1997) and Silver Story (2001).

Backing up today's main event is the Hopeful Stakes featuring eight other three-year-old runners led by Reigns Supreme, Tatler Cover, Major Leaguer, and Speed Machine.

SPORTSWATCH

Davao bet grabs title

SECOND seed Ed Angelo Diaz of Davao del Sur ousted top-ranked Christian Canlas, 6-3, 6-0, yesterday to pocket the boys' 16-under title in the Alibor-St. Benilde Age-Group Tennis Championships at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center. Boys' 18-under top seed Yannick Guba of La Salle won his third title after hacking out a 7-6 (2), 6-4 victory over second seed Cebuano Janlie Soquino. Yannick's younger sister, Jonica Martina, collected her fifth consecutive 12-under title following a 6-2, 6-3 upset win over top seed Sarah Jane Lim. The boys' 14-under title went to Tagum City's Al Santo Santos, who scored a 6-3, 6-4 win over Joshua Tan Ho.

Ramos AIM Golf guest

THE AIM Masters Golf Classic will be held tomorrow at Alabang, with no less than former President Fidel V. Ramos as the guest of honor. Ramos will be joined by Defense Secretary Angle Reyes, DHL's Rod Feliciano, AIM Alumni president Roberto de Ocampo, Mizuno's Benny Gopez and AIM Chair Felipe "Boy" Diego in hitting the ceremonial ball at 6:30 a.m. A fellowship golf among sponsors, guests and special invitees of the AIM organizing committee headed by Vice Admiral (ret.) Louie F. Fernandez will tee off at 7 a.m. The tournament proper will be fired off shotgun style at 12 noon tomorrow, with 72 teams (two to a team) in attendance.



RAMOS

Ong, Zulkifli banner cast

A BIG cast of bowlers led by defending champions Frederick Ong of the Philippines and Shalin Zulkifli are set to see action in the 32nd Boysen-PBC International Open Championship beginning May 30. Entries from five other countries—Guam, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan—are expected to give the two a qualifying round to the 3rd leg of the Asian Bowling Tour (ABT). The ABT takes place immediately after the Open to be held at the Pearl Bowling Center in Parañaque City. The Open which has four sponsors, Boyesen, the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), Kogel Asia Inc. Aviva, is also an Asian ranking tournament.

Airlift Asia match play up

A GRAND showdown of circuit standouts looms in the Airlift Asia Classic match play championships, the ninth and final stop of the Samsung Jungfong Tour slated May 27-29 at the Riviera Golf and Country Club in Silang, Cavite. All of the circuit top guns are in the banner field of 130 players in the event marking the conclusion of a highly-successful summer tour with Airlift Asia's Rico Brizuela giving it a major sponsorship boost. The top seeds in their respective divisions based on their performances in the nine previous legs are Nonoy Negrado and Jayvee Agojo in Class A, IG Gutierrez and Linnel de Villa in Class B, Jik Jik Abdon and Crystal Faith Superal in Class C, Wolen Juan Superal and Dottie Ardina in Class D and Binola dela Paz and Katrina Potenciano in Class E.

Samsung Fistorama today

"SAMSUNG'S Fistorama" today features two exciting bouts in the bantamweight division. Elpher Pagampam faces Sonny Gonzales in four rounds while Rolando Gerongo squares off with Joven Jorda in ten rounds. The fights were held recently at the state-of-the-art Joe Cantada Boxing Arena in Taguig, Metro Manila. The popular weekly boxing show is produced by Joe Cantada Sports and spotlights top sportscaster Ed Picson, boxing analyst Quinto Henson and boxing legendary commentator, Taby Tabaniag. Samsung's Fistorama is aired weekly in the United States, Australia, Japan, the Middle East and soon in Europe through ABS-CBN's Pinoy Central TV. Samsung's Fistorama, now on its second year, is aired every Sunday noon on RPN 9 and is brought to you by Samsung Electronics Phils. Corp.

Richest 7-cock derby set

ENCOUNTER at the Big Dome, "the biggest and richest one-day seven-cock derby in recent memory, will be held on June 2, at the Araneta Coliseum. Hosted by Ito Ynares and Gerry Ramos under the aegis of the pioneer National Cockers Association, seeing action in this prestigious derby are cock-fighting's "who's who" from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, including invited entries from the United States and Metro Manila. The entry book includes Nene Araneta, Danding Cojuangco, Ito Ynares, Jun Santiago, James Chiongban, Peping Cojuangco and Esting Teopaco.

Barcial favored in Shell race

JAIME Barcial seeks a fitting followup to his smashing triumph last month, but the rest of the campaigners are just as eager to stamp their mark in the second leg of the 2003 Shell Advance Super Scooter Championship, which reeks off this Sunday, May 25, at the Carmona Racing Circuit in Carmona, Cavite. Barcial, who rose to prominence by winning the overall title in 2001, is slightly favored to win again and extend his lead in the overall standings in the centerpiece expert open category in this annual series organized by the E.L. Racing Tech in cooperation with Shell Advance. But Barcial will have to do it against some of the country's top expert riders, which include two-time champion Jolet Jao and former winners Ivan Santiago and Carlo Yalo.

Regent-Cheeseball wins

REGENT-Cheeseball bounced back from an opening debacle as it whipped Blu Star, 71-33, yesterday in the PBL Midgets under-13 Tournament at the San Juan Gym. Joseph Allan Isip topped with 12 points, eight rebounds, three assists and three steals as the Snack Masters, carrying the core of Claret School, played aggressive throughout and capitalized on the rivals' spate of turnovers to regain lost esteem from a 35-82 opening setback from Selecta Moo. Both Regent-Cheeseball and Blu Star now hold identical 1-1 cards. Hapee Toothpaste, composed of the Ateneo core, opened its title bid with an overwhelming 121-17 victory over Sunkist. Isip, along with Rosten John Librea and Gabriel Faustino, connived for the early breakaway as Regent wound up the first quarter 12-2 and took the half, 35-11.

Why Funny Cide was gelded

THE REAL battle among the country's top three-year-old gallopers starts this afternoon with the Cojuangco Cup at Santa Ana.

Of the candidates vying in the first leg of the Philippine version of the Triple Crown series, three are expected to battle fiercely for the P1-million winner's prize.

They are Hermie Esguerra's High Octane, Myther Buñag's Security Master and the C&H Enterprises' West Bound.

Security Master and High Octane topped the two leadup runs to the Cojuangco Cup, although Security Master had a scrambling win in another prep race. High Octane, on the other hand, has been rested well after impressively topping the Road To Triple Crown second leg.

Meanwhile, West Bound has had a couple of tuneups which he both handily won.

There are also some interesting side-lights involving the three.

High Octane, who'll have the "Rapid Fire"—Dominador Borbe Jr.—aboard, is out to make amends for the loss of stablemate Wind Blown in the recent First Gentleman Silver Cup.

Security Master is hoping for a win which Bunag said could be his biggest birthday gift tomorrow, while West Bound is aiming to relieve the glory days of Fair and Square, perhaps the greatest horse ever produced by the Laguna-based C&H Ent.

Don't miss the Cojuangco Cup!

ONE WINNER



Edwin Villanueva

Montaña downs John O for 2nd semifinal victory

Games on Tuesday (Pasig Sports Center)
2 p.m.—Viva vs Montaña
4 p.m.—John O vs Hapee

By Dennis U. Eroa

PLAYMAKER Topex Robinson struggled with his free throws but made two big plays down the stretch as Montaña escaped with a 70-65 win over John O and seized the solo lead yesterday in the Sunkist PBL Unity Cup semifinals at the San Juan gym.

Robinson, who dreams of joining the PBA, bungled three of four free throws in the final minute but he stole off Ranidel de Ocampo then lobbed a pass to Gary David, who pegged the final score with an easy layup.

It was the second straight win for Montaña, which nipped Hapee Toothpaste, 63-61. Thursday.

Earlier, Allan Salangsang fired 11 of his 18 points in the fourth period as Hapee bounced back with a murderous 63-49 win over Viva Mineral Water.

A former Letran standout,

Salangsang missed just once in seven tries from the field and laced his explosive show by grabbing six rebounds and blocking two shots.

Hapee, determined to recover from its loss to Montaña, had the game in control until Viva made its trademark fourth-quarter comeback.

"There was no sense of urgency when we played against Montaña. I appealed to the players before the match to realize that every game counts in the semis. I'm glad they responded well," said Hapee coach Junel Baculi.

Jeff Napa capped Viva's rally from seven points down, 32-39, with a triple as the Water Force took command, 46-45, 4:46 left.

But Viva, which started its semis campaign by shocking John O, 60-58, was caught offguard by Salangsang's explosion. Salangsang rattled off seven consecutive points, including a triple as Hapee recovered, 57-46, 43 seconds remaining.

Main man Dennis Miranda illustrated Viva's anemic offense as he struggled with five points, including a

split which actually broke his team's three-minute scoring drought in the fourth period.

Peter Simon also finished with 18 points for Hapee while Wesley Gonzales had 10. Rich Alvarez shot six points but was a monster on and off the boards with 14.

Only the 6-foot-6 Mark Isip scored in double digit for Viva with 10 but he was hardly a force in the pivotal fourth quarter as Hapee's zone suffocated the usually fluid Viva offense.

SCORES:

FIRST GAME

HAPEE 63—Salangsang 18, Simon 18, Gonzales 10, Alvarez 6, Tenorio 4, Tan 3, Dualan 2, Gellig 0, Saquillayan 0, Mercado 0, Dy 0.

VIVA 49—Isip 10, Napa 6, Margate 6, Catli 6, Miranda 5, Jones 4, Misolas 4, Razon 4, Sincio 2, Ybañez 2, Zablan 0, Co 0.

Quarters: 14-9, 27-20, 39-36, 63-49

SECOND GAME

MONTAÑA 70—Basco 15, David 12, Salvador 12, Alfad 8, Magsumbol 6, Sayon 6, Guerrero 3, Robinson 3, Sanleil 3, Coronel 2, Callueng 0.

JOHN O 65—Macapagal 13, Melencio 13, Cruz 12, De Ocampo 7, Callimag 6, Ortega 4, McCoy 3, Vergara 2, Oreta 0, Madrid 0.

Quarters: 13-16, 28-27, 49-48, 70-65

Do-or-die clash for Ginebra, Shell

GAMES TODAY (Araneta Coliseum)
4 p.m.—Purefoods vs Alaska
6:30 p.m.—Shell vs Ginebra

BARANGAY Ginebra and Shell finally get to provide the Samsung PBA All Filipino Cup with a no-holds-barred contest tonight when they dispute the last quarterfinal berth at the Araneta Coliseum.

The winner of the 6:30 p.m. do-or-die tiff clinches the last quarterfinal ticket from Group B and complete the eight-team cast for the next round while the loser gets an early vacation along with Group A tailender Purefoods.

The Hotdogs, with a woeful 5-12 win-loss record, aim for a gracious ex-

it against the Alaska Aces (8-9) in a no-bearing match earlier at 4 p.m.

Already in the next round from Group A along with Alaska are San Miguel, FedEx and Sta. Lucia. The early qualifiers from Group B are Red Bull, Talk N Text and Coca-Cola.

Meanwhile, the Crispa Redmanizers seem to have the edge over the Toyota Super Corollas based on the official lineup of the two former powerhouse squads for the PBA All Star weekend on May 30 at the Araneta Coliseum.

Bogs Adornado, Atoy Co, Philip Cezar, Abet Guidaben, Freddie Hubalde, Bernie Fabiosa and Bay Cristobal will banner the Crispa Redmanizers while the Toyota Super

Corollas will be spearheaded by Mon Fernandez and Sen. Robert Jaworski.

The legendary Baby Dalupan will call the shots for the Redmanizers along with Tommy Manotoc while Dante Silverio will mentor the Super Corollas.

Also seeing action for Crispa are Romy Mamaril, Mon Cruz, Bong Dela Cruz, Rey Pages, Rey Franco, Willy Tanduyan, Tito Varela, Itoy Esguerra and Joy Dionisio.

Completing the Corollas' roster are Terry Saldaña, Chito Loyzaga, Ed Cordero, Gil Cortez, Emer Legaspi, Pol Herrera, Boy Clarino, Tino Reynoso, Orly Bauzon, Oscar Rocha, Rolly Marcelo and Ompong Segura.
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Race 4-1. Sunny Puddles 2. Dandanscy 3. Buena Sera 4. You Know That 5. American Dams
Race 5-1. High Octane 2. Security Master 3. West Bound 4. War Hero
Race 6-1. Super Dancer 2. Conqueror 3. Sun 3. Cash McCall 4. Schumacher 7-1. Reigns Supreme/Tatler Cover 2.

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Race 9-1. Hasty 2. Golden West/Brainchild 3. Im-promptu 4. Native Talent
Race 10-1. Noble House 2. Magic Bullet 3. Run Like D'Wind 4. Pride of Cebu
Race 11-1. Rapid Strike 2. Kayang Kaya 3. Scenic Splendor 4. Sunos 5. Haruichuwa
Race 12-1. Golden Tale 2. Bold Lucky 3. Top Dancer 4. Speed Rich
Race 13-1. Burning Light 2. Security Risk 3. Bumper to Bumper 4. River Bee 5. Playing With Fire

Volley GP in Asia scrapped

BERLIN—The International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) announced Friday that their premier annual competition for women, the lucrative one million dollar World Grand Prix, will be staged entirely in Italy and not some of the traditional Asian host countries because of the SARS epidemic.

The first phase of the competition from July 18 to August 10 had been due to be staged in China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines with the final phase taking place in Italy.

FIVB President Ruben Acosta appealed to the Asian countries to take the decision in the spirit it was intended.

"Given our great respect for our traditional hosts, this was a difficult decision," said Acosta.

"Our first duty was to act responsibly from the overall health perspective, but we also have a strong responsibility to the best women's teams in the world." Title-holders Russia, China, Germany, Netherlands, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Brazil, Canada, USA and Cuba join Italy in the tournament and health checks will be made on delegations coming from SARS-affected areas.

Asia play a central role in the international Volleyball calendar with the most important event of the pre-Olympic year, the World Cup for men and women, in Japan in November.

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The nothingness of Nowitzki

MARK Cuban can kiss his championship hopes goodbye. The hippie owner of the Dallas Mavericks lost his No. 1 player yesterday due to a knee injury, virtually paving the way for a San Antonio Spurs victory in the NBA Western Conference Finals.

What a shame. One thud and the party's practically over for Mark and his Mavericks.

Sing pacons to Mark's Mavs. Toss a rose to the graveyard of courage.

Lay a wreath on the tomb of the Known Soldier.

Even if Dirk Nowitzki manages to reappear for the remainder of the Western Shootout, he'd just be a walking wounded. Or a dead man walking, if you will. The Blond Jet from Germany would be reduced to a mere hard court jester trying to torpedo the now 2-1 Spurs out of a richly deserved stint in the NBA Finals. How can one with only one good knee wrestle to the ground a team as deadly as San Antonio? This is not Karate Kid stuff, fellas. This is Gunfight at the OK Corral, where only the best and the toughest survive. Over here, the weak-kneed pack can't even

qualify as water boys. What more with men with one good knee apiece?

The era of the "My Left Foot" saga is but a footnote in history now because in the NBA today, they call a spade a spade. A disabled is a disabled is a disabled. That was what became of Nowitzki yesterday after he got banged real hard underneath the basket during a rebound grab and he'll be that way for the rest of the series. That was what became of the Mavericks after losing Nowitzki, their top scorer and rebound king going into their 99th game of the year yesterday.

He can't come back in the next four games - maybe less - otherwise, he'll risk losing a career that looks rosy from here up to the next five years or so. Nowitzki's so prized a Dallas possession that he's worth preserving for the Mavs next season. It might be wiser for Cuban to rest Nowitzki for the rest of the series than gamble on that knee, which was already injured before yesterday's accident.

The tragedy happened right in Cuban's backyard in Dallas, just when San Antonio was busy digging the Mavs' grave by taking an 81-66 lead on a blazing 14-2 run starting the fourth quarter.

Even as there were still seven minutes

45 ticks left in the game - plenty of time for Dallas to mount its vaunted ferocious rally - the Mavs would proceed to play with half of their firepower gone.

But of course.

The Mavs have become like a trio armed with toothpicks battling a quintet armed with one AK-47 apiece. A mismatch. When was the last time we saw a boxing duel with no weight categories? Tyson in his prime versus Pacquiao?

Theater of the absurd.

Did you honestly think Dallas would still be able to pull it out of the fire after San Antonio sped to that 15-point bubble, with Nowitzki out of the game for good?

Nowitzki gone was Dallas' death warrant.

Or, Nowitzki gone was Dallas' death knell.

For, without Nowitzki, Dallas had nothing, was nothing.

The Mavs-Spurs game yesterday with seven-plus minutes left to play and with Nowitzki being hauled to the hospital was an aberration. It was a scene as ugly as seeing those jets topple the Twin Towers in the infamous 9/11 catastrophe. No contest.

The battle should have been stopped

SPECTATOR



Al S. Mendoza

right then and there. But this is basketball, not boxing; there are no technical knockouts or KOs here, only a decision.

And so, the aberration would graduate into an abomination.

In less than three minutes with an already impregnable margin of 83-68, the Spurs would race to a 20-point, 94-74 advantage. Tim Duncan, because there was no more Nowitzki to unhinge him from the paint, presided over that massacre. Before that, the amazing 21-year-old Tony Parker, the Spur with the spurt of feet and sleight of hand, fired 19 points in the third quarter alone as San Antonio erased an 11-point deficit to grab a 69-66 lead at the half.

If you haven't yet started thinking about a Spurs-Nets NBA Finals, you got-

ta be kidding. Either you haven't heard of New Jersey's impending advance against Detroit with a 3-0 margin or you've been sleepwalking all this time.

And yes, light up that cigar now in joyful celebration of NBA's rebirth through Solar Sports.

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Make that Cohiba from Havana.

FASTBREAK. Here's a tip from Warner G. Manning, the CEO of HSBC, on how to lose excess weight. Fruits for breakfast, fruits for lunch, and vegetables and chicken in the evening. A forty-minute treadmill in the morning, another forty-minute treadmill in the evening. A swim at the pool for one hour everyday. "In 10 weeks, I lost 23 pounds," said Warner, who did his riceless diet with a cause. Laine L. Santana, HSBC's AVP for public affairs, said Warner won bets totaling P230,000 against non-believers of his target to lose 20 pounds or more in 2-1/2 months. "He donated his winnings to ABS-CBN's Bantay Bata Foundation," said Laine. Wotta guy. Here's a glass to Warner, a Formula One freak who frequented Silverstone in his youth.

Record field for Southwoods Invitational

A RECORD-breaking field of 500 will see action in the 10th edition of the annual member-guest tournament of the Manila Southwoods set May 29 to June 1 at the Masters and Legends courses.

Sports and Games Committee chairman Freddie Mendoza said that because of the huge turnout, the usual two-day tournament, popularly known as The Invitational, was extended to four.

"With the new format, we were able to accommodate more golfers," said Mendoza even as he assured the entries of the excellent year-round condition of the club's two courses in Carmona, Cavite.

Major sponsors of the event are Diamond Motors, College Assurance Plan (CAP), and Mitsubishi Motors while the hole sponsors are Britesmile, Miramar Tuna Belly, Nestle Phils, Prulife, Evergreen Shipping, RR Payumo + Partners, Asia Pacific Golf Corp., Hapee Toothpaste, Federal Management, Cebu Mitsumi Inc., and Logitech/Innovista Technologies and EXITO.

More than P1.5 million worth of hole-in-one prizes are at stake including the New Look Mit-

subishi GLS automatic, a Royal Caribbean Mexican-Riviera Cruise for two in coordination with Northwest Airlines World Business Class, a complete Wilson golf set and a four-day, three-days Thai Airways Bangkok golf holiday.

"If nobody scores an ace, the hole-in-one prizes will be raffled off at the awards night on Sunday," Mendoza added.

Congressman Tony Boy Florendo, Jr., sportsman-businessman Hermie Esguerra and Philippine Coast Guard Admiral Ruben Lista George Blaylock of Diamond Motors, Mel Dizon and Teruhiko Shibata of Mitsubishi Motors Phils, Marilen Yaptangco of Baron Travel, Ray Nishihira of Northwest Airlines and Chertchai Methayanonda of Thai Airways are some of the key figures joining the four-day event.

Two-time Southwoods club champion Abe Avena, Forest Hills club champ Raffy Garcia, together with Mari Hechanova, Atty. Manoling Chan, Cebu-based Gene Aznar are some of the players expected to figure prominently in the low gross team race.

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CONFERENCE FINALS

Eastern Conference

(1) Detroit vs. (2) New Jersey

Pistons 0, Nets 3

Game 1: New Jersey 76, Detroit 74

Game 2: New Jersey 88, Detroit 86

Game 3: New Jersey 97, Detroit 85

Game 4 at New Jersey (May 25, 8 a.m.)

*Game 5 at Detroit (May 27, 8 a.m.)

*Game 6 at New Jersey (May 29, 8 a.m.)

*Game 7 at Detroit (May 31, 8 a.m.)

Western Conference

(1) San Antonio vs. (3) Dallas

Spurs 2, Mavericks 1

Game 1: Dallas 113, San Antonio 110

Game 2: San Antonio 119, Dallas 106

Game 3: San Antonio 96, Dallas 83

Game 4 at Dallas (May 26, 8:30 a.m.)

*Game 5 at San Antonio (May 28, 9:30 a.m.)

*Game 6 at Dallas (May 30, 9:30 a.m.)

*Game 7 at San Antonio (June 1, 8:30 a.m.)

* If necessary
TBD (To Be Determined)

Compiled by Lorenzo Manguiat

GOLF: PGA Bank of America Colonial, Third Round; 1:30 p.m. (r); Final Round; tomorrow at 3:30 a.m.; Star Sports - Annika Sorenstam may not have made the cut, but Kenny Perry and the rest of the leaders will go for the title.

BASKETBALL: Pistons vs Nets, Game 4; 8 a.m. (r-8 p.m.); Solar Sports - New Jersey guns for the sweep against Detroit.

MOTOR SPORTS: 2003 F1 Highlights; 5:30 p.m., Star Sports - Take a look back at all the racing action during the Austrian Grand Prix.

Indianapolis 500; 11:50 p.m.; Star Sports - Hello "Spiderman" Castroneves guns for his third consecutive Indy 500 crown.

POOL: Rack 'Em Up 2; 8 a.m.; ESPN - Django Bustamante will try to weave his magic against Marcus Chama.

BADMINTON: Sudirman Cup 2003; 10 a.m. (r); ESPN - China meets Korea for the title in this international badminton tournament.



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Quote in the act

A serving of 7 questions, from easiest to toughest, each with a corresponding point value. Can you score a perfect 100 (or, at least, beat the other 'sports genius/geniuses' beside you)?

1 > 3 Pts.

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2 > 5 Pts.

Which Pinoy sportscaster is associated with the signature line, "I'll see you around"?
☐ Ed Picson
☐ Joe Cantada

3 > 7 Pts.

Whom did Cassius Clay (a.k.a Muhammad Ali) fight when he first blurted his famous "float like a butterfly, sting like a bee" boast?
☐ Joe Frazier
☐ Sonny Liston
☐ Oscar Bonavena

4 > 10 Pts.

"I let my feet spend as little time on the ground as possible. From the air, fast down; from the ground, fast up." Which great American runner uttered these lines?
☐ Jesse Owens
☐ Michael Johnson
☐ Carl Lewis

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Name the US president who once said, "I know I'm getting better at golf because I'm hitting fewer spectators."
☐ Ronald Reagan
☐ Gerald Ford
☐ Jimmy Carter
☐ George Bush

6 > 25 Pts.

Which sport gave us the classic quote, "Winning isn't everything—it's the only thing"?
☐ American football
☐ baseball
☐ basketball
☐ boxing

7 > 30 Pts.

"For when the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He marks—not that you won or lost—but how you played the game." Who was the legendary sportswriter who penned these much-quoted words?

ANSWERS/A31

Spurs grab 2-1 lead in Mavs' turf

DALLAS--Tim Duncan produced a dominant performance with 34 points and 23 rebounds to give the San Antonio Spurs a lopsided 96-83 victory over the Dallas Mavericks in Game Three of the Western Conference Finals Friday.

San Antonio leads the best-of-seven series 2-1 with Game Four in Dallas Sunday.

Tony Parker added 29 points and eight rebounds for the Spurs, who trailed 46-38 at the half but controlled the second to secure the win after the teams shared two games in San Antonio.

"I just wanted to make sure I was more aggressive in the second half," Parker told reporters.

"When you play with Timmy, it's easy. You get a lot of open shots because he draws a lot of double-teams and he's so dominant." "(Parker) was great, hitting his shots, being aggressive in the open court," Duncan said. "Tony took it upon himself to push it up the court and make them pay."

The defeat was especially costly for the Mavericks, who lost Dirk Nowitzki with a knee injury late in the fourth quarter. He had to be helped to the dressing room and left the arena at the end of the night on crutches.

"The news on Dirk Nowitzki is not good," Dallas coach Don Nelson said.

"I wouldn't expect that he would play the next game and I wouldn't be sure that he would play in the series." Bruce Bowen added 13 points for the

Spurs while Stephen Jackson chipped in with 12.

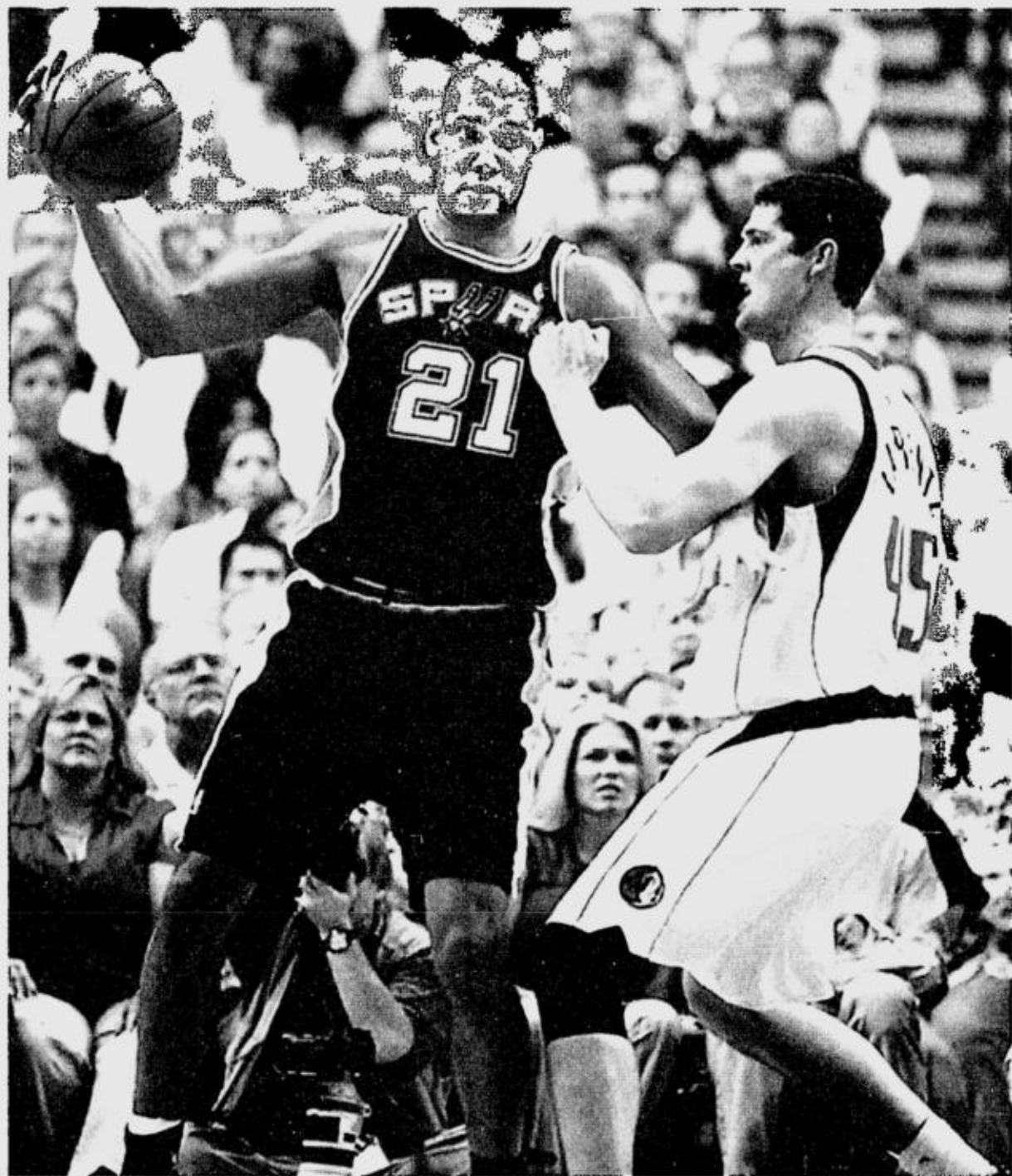
Nick Van Exel scored 16 points to lead the Mavericks while Nowitzki had 15 points and nine rebounds. Raja Bell picked up 14 points off the bench for Dallas while Michael Finley had 11.

The Spurs played their best defensive game of the series, shutting down Dallas's high-powered offense, especially in the second half.

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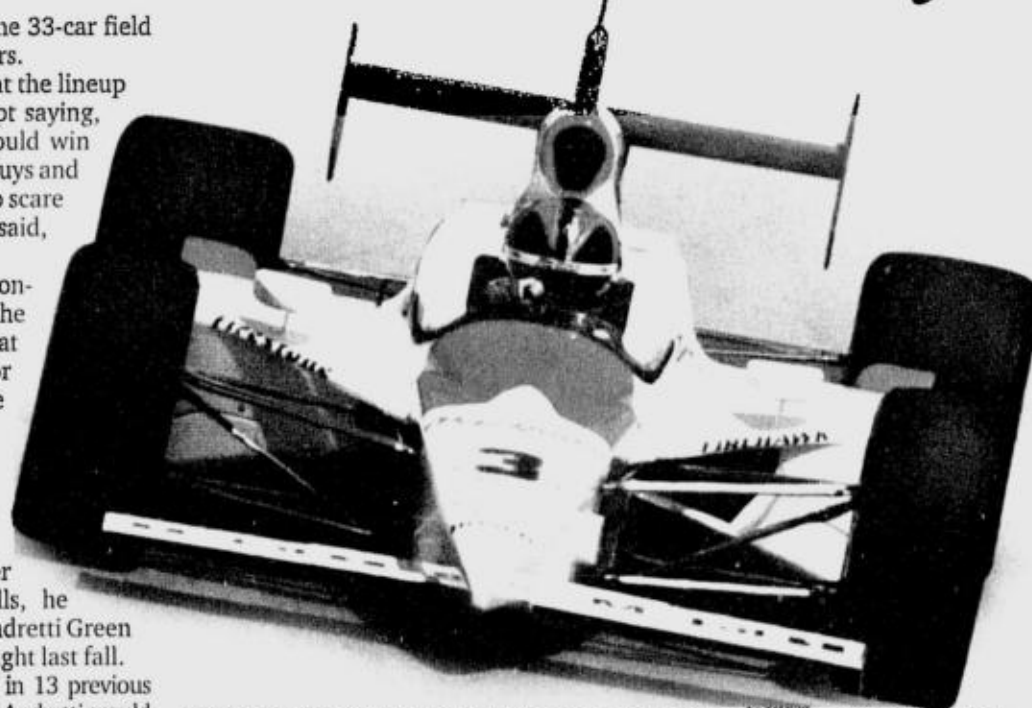
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Game 1: New Jersey 76, Detroit 74

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- ☐ Ed Picson
☐ Joe Cantada

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ANSWERS/A31

Spurs grab 2-1 lead in Mavs' turf

DALLAS--Tim Duncan produced a dominant performance with 34 points and 23 rebounds to give the San Antonio Spurs a lopsided 96-83 victory over the Dallas Mavericks in Game Three of the Western Conference Finals Friday.

San Antonio leads the best-of-seven series 2-1 with Game Four in Dallas Sunday.

Tony Parker added 29 points and eight rebounds for the Spurs, who trailed 46-38 at the half but controlled the second to secure the win after the teams shared two games in San Antonio.

"I just wanted to make sure I was more aggressive in the second half," Parker told reporters.

"When you play with Timmy, it's easy. You get a lot of open shots because he draws a lot of double-teams and he's so dominant." "(Parker) was great, hitting his shots, being aggressive in the open court," Duncan said. "Tony took it upon himself to push it up the court and make them pay."

The defeat was especially costly for the Mavericks, who lost Dirk Nowitzki with a knee injury late in the fourth quarter. He had to be helped to the dressing room and left the arena at the end of the night on crutches.

"The news on Dirk Nowitzki is not good," Dallas coach Don Nelson said.

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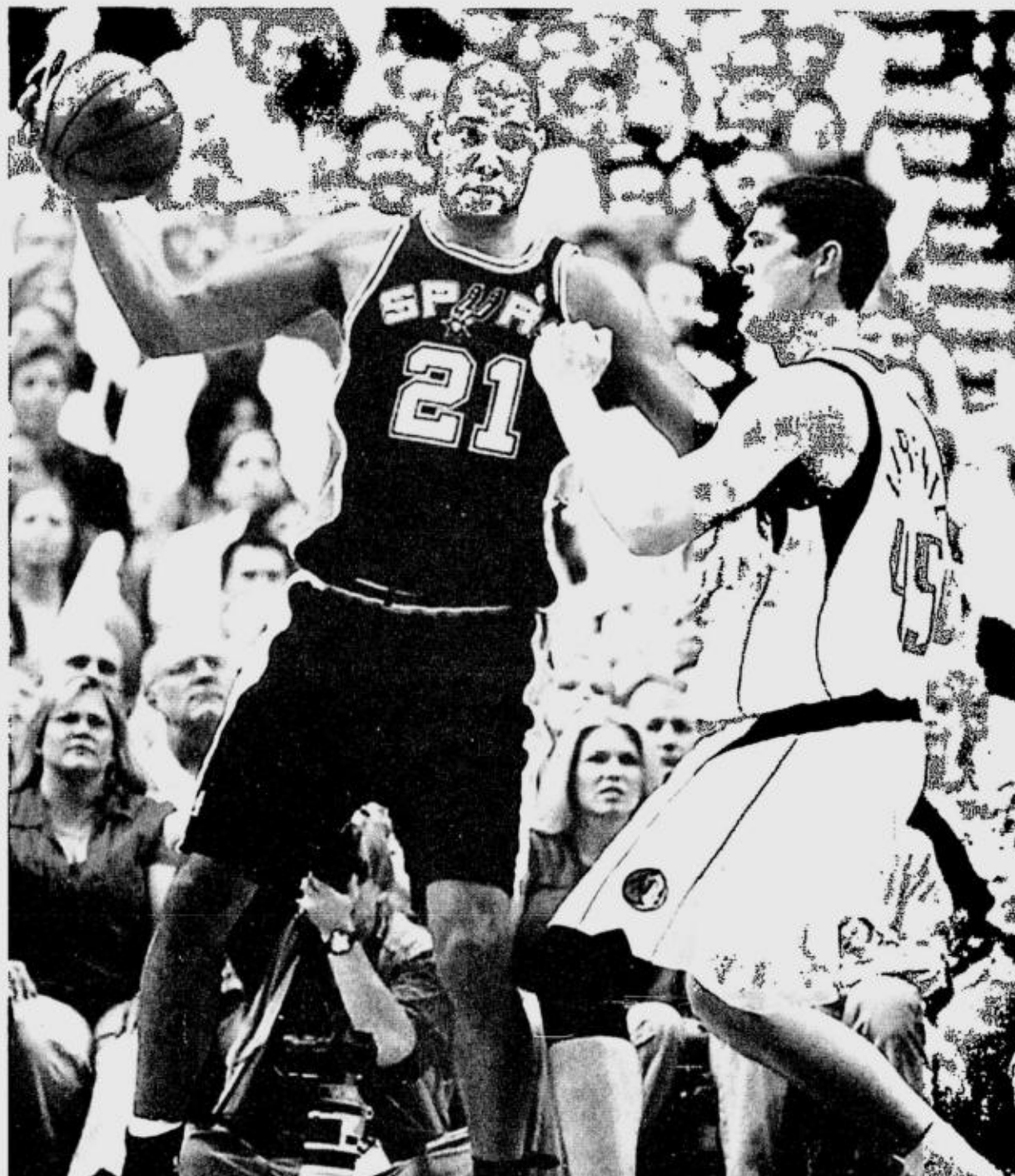
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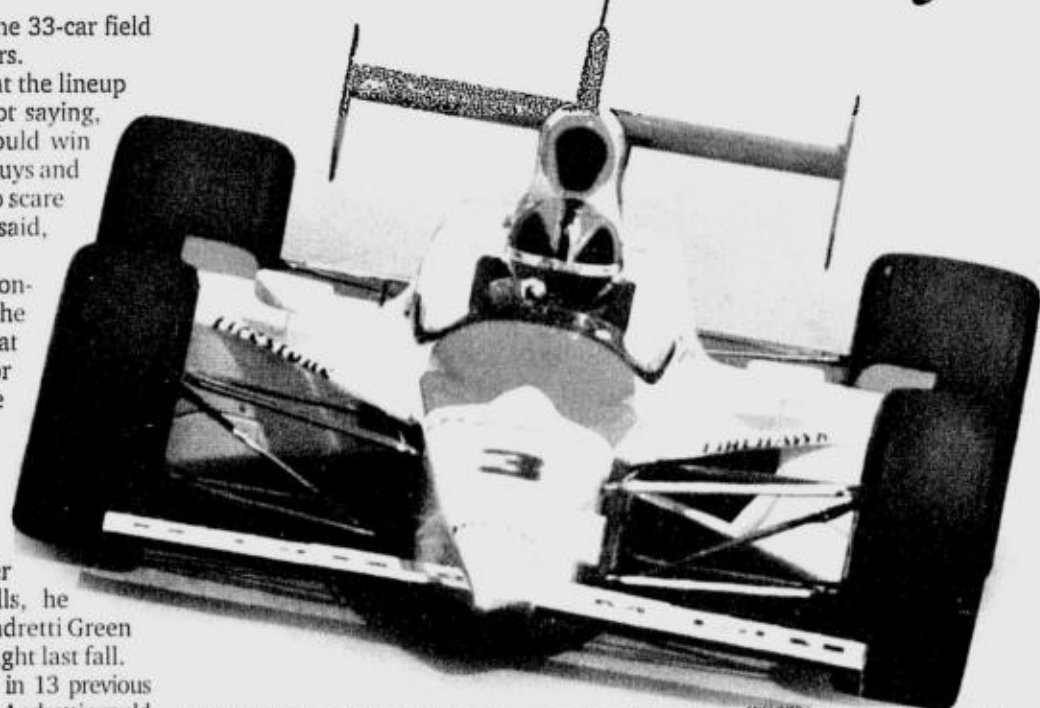
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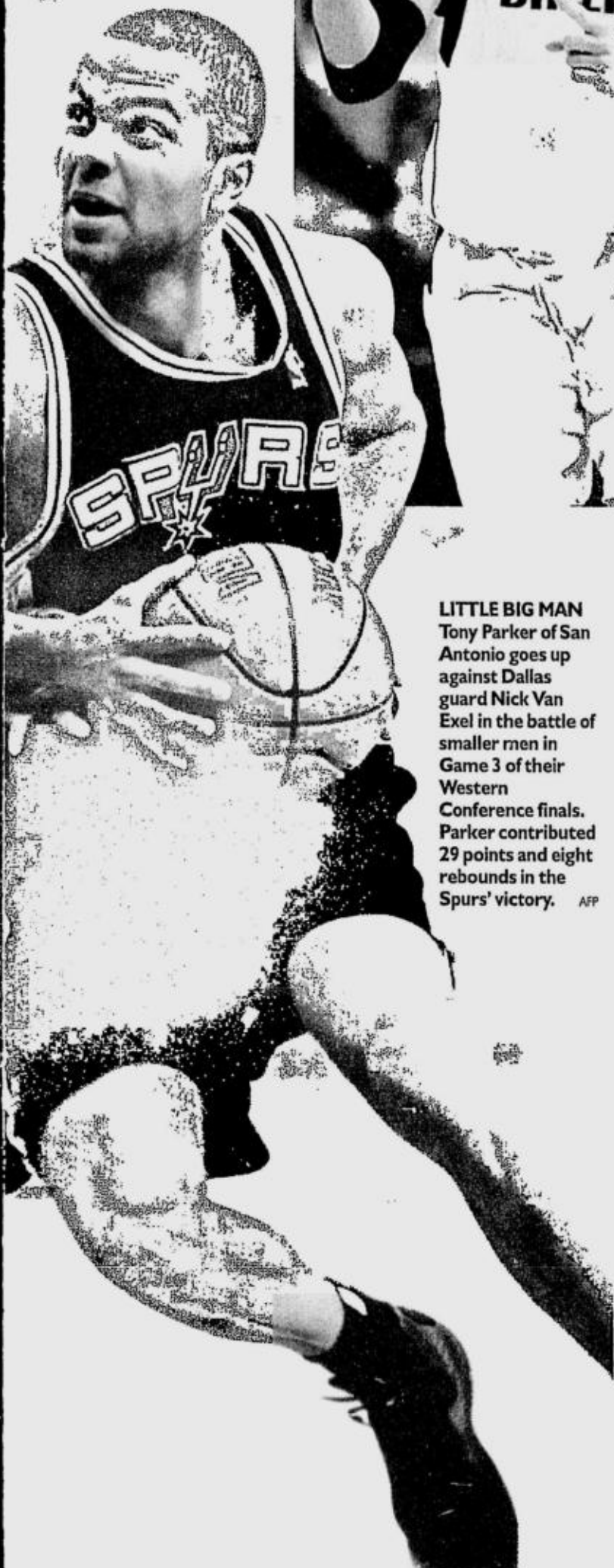
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A HEALTHY Dirk Nowitzki gestures during the second quarter of the Mavericks game against San Antonio Friday. Nowitzki did not finish the game, going out with a knee injury in the fourth quarter.

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LITTLE BIG MAN
Tony Parker of San Antonio goes up against Dallas guard Nick Van Exel in the battle of smaller men in Game 3 of their Western Conference finals. Parker contributed 29 points and eight rebounds in the Spurs' victory.

AFP

Tomjanovich quits Houston

HOUSTON, Texas--Rudy Tomjanovich stepped down Friday after 12 seasons as coach of the Houston Rockets after receiving treatment for cancer of the bladder.

"I feel it's the best thing for me," said Tomjanovich, who missed the final 17 games of the season to undergo cancer treatment. "I need to live a life with less stress." Tomjanovich made the decision after meeting this week with owner Les Alexander but will remain with the team in an unspecified front-office role.

This season, the Rockets added rookie standout Chinese centre Yao Ming to a lineup that featured star guard Steve Francis.

The Houston Chronicle reported Friday that the two sides negotiated a buyout of Tomjanovich's contract, which had two years and 12 million dollars remaining.

Tomjanovich has been with the Rockets for more than three decades and coached the franchise to its only NBA championships in 1994 and 1995.

But Houston has failed to reach the playoffs each of the last four seasons.

The 54-year-old Tomjanovich took a medical leave of absence in March and said he did not want to return if he was not 100 percent.

"The responsibility of people counting on you for happiness brings a lot of responsibility," Tomjanovich said. "At this stage, with the health situation, the best thing is to back out and be a regular guy for a while."

AFP

No Mavericks rally this time

DALLAS—Despite all the rallies the Dallas Mavericks have made this postseason, they seemed to have forgotten the most important components when they needed it most: scoring and making stops.

The Mavs could do neither in the fourth quarter of Game 3 of the Western Conference finals Friday night, and the result was a 96-83 loss that gave San Antonio a 2-1 lead in the series.

Dallas was within one, at 67-66 with 20.6 seconds left in the third, then allowed a 14-0 run. Adding to the misery, Dirk Nowitzki had to be helped off with a sprained left knee and didn't return. Coach Don Nelson doesn't expect him to be ready for Game 4 on Sunday night. He'll have an MRI exam Saturday.

Not having Nowitzki would certainly hurt the Mavericks' chances far worse than any strategy the Spurs might throw at them.

"If he's unable to play, that's 25 (points) and 10 (rebounds) we have to make up," said Michael Finley, who had 11 points. "Everyone will have to take it up to another level."

They couldn't in this game, although Tim Duncan and the Spurs did a good job of getting in the way.

Duncan had 34 points, 24 rebounds and anchored an interior defense that changed the game.

"We try to go inside and they clogged it up," said Steve Nash, who had 10 points and nine assists. "We never loosened up the defense and got shots we liked. It never looked good for us."

San Antonio also outbounded Dallas 59-36. That advantage could grow even wider in Game 4 if the Mavericks got with a short lineup, which is almost a must without Nowitzki. Shawn Bradley and Evan Eschmeyer also are nursing injuries, and Eduardo Nájera is recovering from one.

"We've just got to find a way to make it work," Nash said.

Nelson said the Mavericks played their best defense of the playoffs in the first half, when they led 46-38. A 3-pointer by Raja Bell put them up 11, their biggest of the night.

Then everything changed. San Antonio regained control with a 15-2 spurt keyed by Tony Parker, who scored 19 of his 29 points in the third quarter. While a jumper by Nowitzki capped a run of three straight baskets and put the Mavericks back ahead 64-63, they never led again.

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McLaren's new car to debut June 29

LONDON--McLaren's new Formula One car is likely to make its race debut in the European Grand Prix at the Nuerburgring on June 29, according to the team's managing director Martin Whitmarsh.

"There is a target to go racing at the European Grand Prix but we will manage the risk by making the decision nearer the date," he told BBC radio on Friday.

The new MP4-18 made its first track appearance this week at the Le Castellet circuit in southern France with Austrian Alexander Wurz at the wheel.

The Nuerburgring is a home race for McLaren's engine partners Mercedes. The team have already ruled out running the car in Monaco next week.

Whitmarsh said there were inevitably some teething problems but nothing major with a car that McLaren, with Finland's Kimi Raikkonen leading the championship, hope will be able to challenge the new Ferrari.

"Fortunately so far they've been of the variety which are frustrating and annoying but they are not large dramas. We'll fight through those fairly quickly," he said.

Ferrari introduced their new car in Spain at the beginning of the month and world champion Michael Schumacher has won both races it has started so far.

But Whitmarsh said McLaren remained confident.

"Whilst their new car is clearly a very, very good car, it hasn't moved the game on significantly as far as we can see so far," he said.

"Maybe in two races it's too early to say but it certainly doesn't appear to have been a big jump forward. We've got every expectation that we can make a step."

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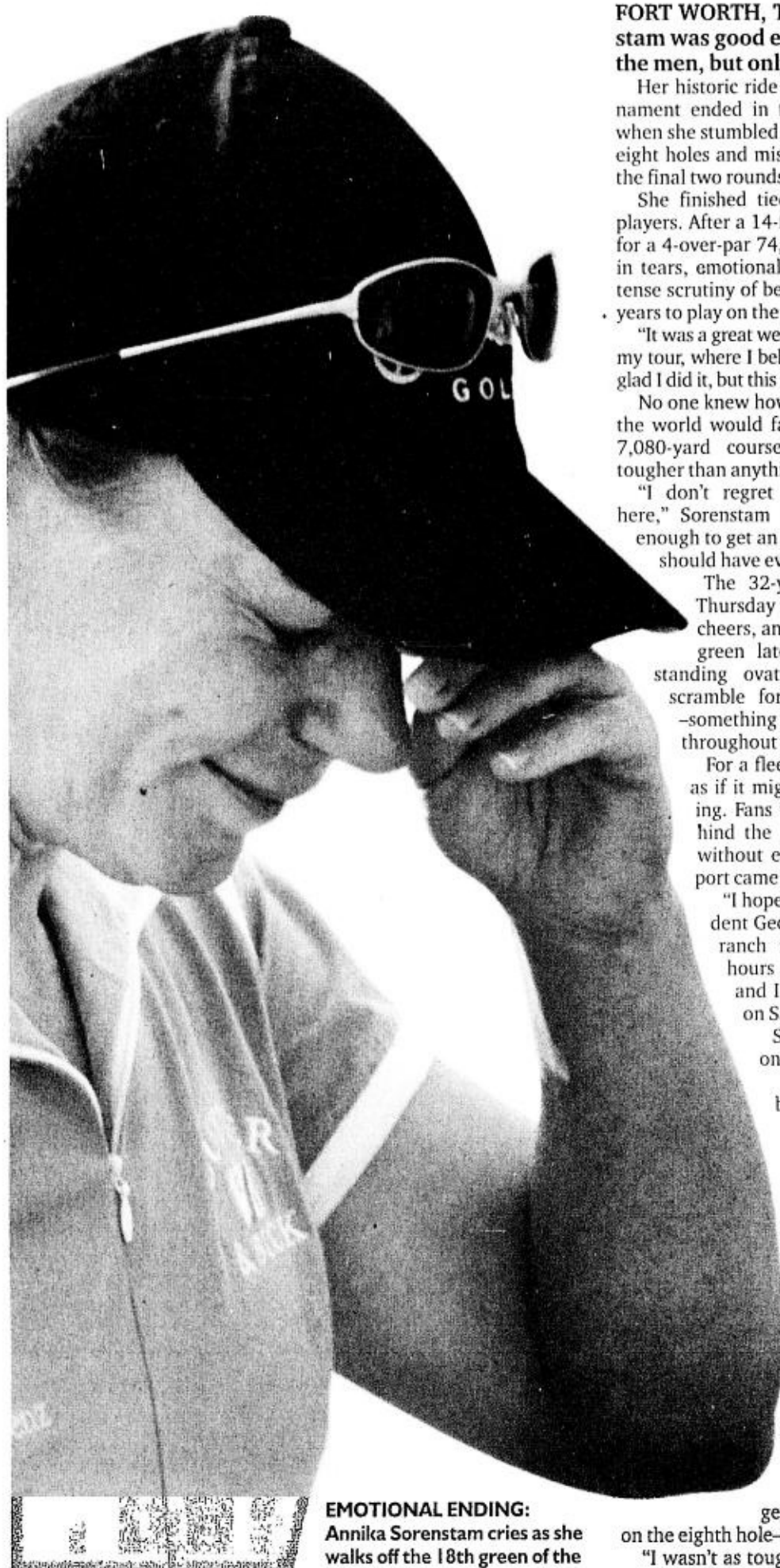
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Good enough, but only for 2 days



FORT WORTH, Texas—Annika Sorenstam was good enough to play against the men, but only for two days.

Her historic ride at the Colonial golf tournament ended in the second round Friday when she stumbled to five bogeys in a span of eight holes and missed the chance to play in the final two rounds by four shots.

She finished tied for 96th, ahead of 11 players. After a 14-foot putt on the 18th hole for a 4-over-par 74, Sorenstam left the green in tears, emotionally worn out from the intense scrutiny of being the first woman in 58 years to play on the PGA Tour.

"It was a great week but I've got to go back to my tour, where I belong," Sorenstam said. "I'm glad I did it, but this is way over my head."

No one knew how the best female golfer in the world would fare against the men on a 7,080-yard course that was longer and tougher than anything she has played.

"I don't regret anything about coming here," Sorenstam said. "If a lady is good enough to get an invite or she qualifies, she should have every right to come here."

The 32-year-old Swede teed off Thursday morning amid resounding cheers, and walked toward the 18th green late Friday afternoon to a standing ovation. Sorenstam had to scramble for par on the final hole—something she was forced to do throughout a hot, sticky afternoon.

For a fleeting moment, this looked as if it might have a storybook ending. Fans were stacked so deep behind the green that some cheered without ever seeing the shot. Support came from all quarters.

"I hope she makes the cut," President George W. Bush said from his ranch in Crawford, about two hours away. "I'm pulling for her, and I hope I'll be watching her on Saturday and Sunday."

Sorenstam raised everyone's hopes early.

She saved par from the bunker twice on the first three holes, and in between fired at the flag and holed an 8-foot birdie putt on No. 2 to get to even par for the tournament.

Still, there were signs that three months of buildup and three days under intense scrutiny were starting to take their toll.

It began to unravel on No. 5, when her tee shot sailed into the trees, leading to a bogey. A chunked chip shot on No. 6 cost her another bogey. She needed three putts on the eighth hole—yet another bogey.

"I wasn't as tough as I thought I was," she said. "I was so nervous."



ANNIKA blasting out of a bunker: "I don't regret anything."

REUTERS



ANNIKA lining up a putt: "This is way over my head."

REUTERS

Meanwhile, here are the leaders

FORT WORTH, Texas—Kenny Perry and Dan Forsman shared the second-round lead at the Colonial tournament on Friday but Annika Sorenstam, the first female player to compete on the PGA Tour for 58 years, missed the halfway cut.

Perry (64) and Forsman (66) were eight-under on 132, one stroke ahead of Jim Furyk (65) at the Colonial Country Club.

Sweden's Jesper Parnevik (68), South Africa's Rory Sabbatini (70), Tim Petrovic (66), Jay Williamson (67), Frank Lickliter II (66) and Chad Campbell (67) were all on 134.

Perry, 42, four times a winner on the tour, began his round at the 10th and picked up birdies at the 16th and 18th before eagling the par-five first. He also made consecutive birdies at the fifth and sixth.

"It's always good to be in the lead here," Perry said. "This is not a catch-up kind of golf course, it's the kind of golf course you get out there, you kind of hang on."

Forsman, 45, five times a tour winner, also started at the 10th and bogeyed the par-five 11th before bouncing back with birdies at the 12th and 13th.

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EMOTIONAL ENDING:

Annika Sorenstam cries as she walks off the 18th green of the Colonial.

REUTERS

Clarke hangs on to Volvo golf lead

VIRGINIA WATER, England—Darren Clarke birdied the last two holes to retain his overnight lead with a 3-under-par 69 in the second round of the Volvo PGA Championship on Friday.

The big Northern Irishman, who is 9-under on 135, led by a stroke from Niklas Fasth of Sweden, who continued his run of hot golf by firing a 5-under-par 67.

The Ryder Cup Swede led in turn by one from two-time winner Ian Woosnam (68-69), Irish Open Champion Soren Hansen (69-68), Spanish Open champion Kenneth Ferrie (70-67) and unheralded Englishman Robert Rock (69-68).

Ernie Els birdied the last two holes for his second successive 69 to join a large group three shots behind and keep alive his chance of a first victory in this event in eight attempts.

Clarke was again pleased with his game from tee to green, but unhappy with his putting.

"I hit the ball as well as yesterday and I had numerous chances. I was hitting the edges (of the holes) all day," he said.

"Patience is being severely tested at the moment, but that's what happens. Again, I have to keep playing the way I have been and hopefully my scores will get better."

He two-putted the two closing par-5s after reaching the greens in two.

World number two Els was satisfied with his return from three weeks off with a wrist injury but said he will need to do better Saturday or Sunday to have a chance of victory.

AP

Back at the LPGA, Annika's an inspiration

CORNING, New York—Scotland's Catriona Matthew found inspiration from Annika Sorenstam.

Matthew, who started the day tied for 11th, carded an 8-under par 64 Friday to climb into a share of the lead midway through the Corning Classic.

Winless since capturing her only title at the 2001 Hawaiian Ladies Open, Matthew completed 36 holes at the Corning Country Club at 12-under 132. She turned in a bogey-free round that included six birdies and an eagle on the

par-5 12th hole to tie Canada's Lori Kane, who signed for a 7-under 65.

"I think it definitely kind of inspired me a little bit," said Matthew, referring to Sorenstam's historic appearance in the Colonial in Fort Worth, Texas.

"I watched some yesterday morning, and to see her play so well on a course like that kind of makes you feel you should be kind of shooting pretty low to see how good she's doing."

Jennifer Rosales, the lone Fil-

ipina in the LPGA Tour, three-putted five times and scored a 74 to miss the cut by one stroke. She opened with a 70.

Kane gained a share of the lead with a birdie on No. 18, her sixth of the round. She also is winless since 2001, when she captured the Takefuji Classic for her fourth career title.

While Matthew and Kane are chasing their first title in two years, Sorenstam failed in her bid to make the cut.

The first woman to play a PGA

event in 58 years, the Swedish star struggled to a 4-over 74 on Friday after opening with a 71.

"I feel for her," Kane said. "I thought after yesterday there might be a little letdown today, but I'm going to cheer her on until she finishes and she'll get a big thank you from me."

"What she accomplished yesterday was unbelievable," American Meg Mallon is alone in third at 133 after posting a 6-under 66.

First-round leader Karen Strupples cooled after shooting a career-low 64 on Thursday, but she

is still just two shots off the pace after settling for a 2-under 70. The Englishwoman is tied for fourth with Hall of Famer Juli Inkster and Helen Alfredsson.

Stupples is happy just to be around on the weekend. She was disqualified from this tournament last year after missing her opening-round tee time by 5 1/2 minutes.

Two-time champion Rosie Jones, the only repeat winner in the 24-year history of this tournament, is still in contention following a 2-under 70.

AFP

Great moments abound in French Open tennis

PARIS—The French Open, for eight decades the almost regal scene of tennis legends, begins Monday, heralding the climax of the claycourt season before the top stars are put out to grass.

The tournament, whose prestige is now without equal, began life in 1891 in the more modest guise of the French championships.

But a name change to the "championnats internationaux de France" in 1925 and then the construction of the Garros venue three years later changed everything.

Cue the arrival center stage of one of the biggest sports events on the international calendar—and the focal point of the French sporting summer—the Tour de France notwithstanding.

Although a certain H Briggs won the first ever championship in 1891, outlasting P Baigneres of France to give Britain one of only two titles

(Fred Perry won in 1935) the host nation would dominate until 1933, when John Crawford broke Australia's duck beating defending champion Henri Cochet.

Donald Budge put the United States on the winners' roll-call in 1938 before World War II intervened. Helen Wills had already taken the women's trophy back to the USA with a 1928 win over Britain's Eileen Bennett.

Home favorite Suzanne Lenglen wrote her name into the history books with six wins in seven years through to 1926 and her memory lingers on in the imposing shape of the Court Suzanne Lenglen.

But come the immediate post-war period and having opened the door to allcomers, the French, for whom Max Decugis had stacked up a record eight men's titles between 1903 and 1914, were no longer having things their own way.

Wills, by then Helen Wills-

Moody, completed the first non-French hattrick of crowns in 1930 and then Germany's Hilde Sperling repeated the feat between 1935 and 1937.

Not even Steffi Graf would manage that, despite taking six titles in all from 1987 to 1999—but Yugoslav-born Monica Seles would, and on two occasions at Graf's expense, from 1990 to 1992.

Current world number one Lleyton Hewitt, who has never been beyond the last eight, can take heart from his compatriots' record—which was unmatched through the 1960s.

Ken Rosewall and Lewis Hoad had taken the title in the mid 1950s before Rod Laver and Roy Emerson won it in 1962 and 63. Manuel Santana snatched a win for Spain a year later but Fred Stolle, Roach, Emerson, Rosewall and Laver gave the Aussies five triumphs on the trot to see out the decade which had seen the game turn professional.

AFP

Hewitt, Agassi get easy draw

PARIS—Lleyton Hewitt and Andre Agassi were Friday both given easy draws for the first round of the French Open which gets underway here on Monday.

Top-seeded Hewitt is down to play Brian Vahaly of the United States while Agassi, the second seed, meets Karol Beck of Slovakia.

Three-times former winner Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil was given a tougher task going up against giant Swiss veteran Marc Rousset, while title-holder Albert Costa takes on a qualifier.

Top ties included last year's beaten finalist Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain against Michel Kratochvil of Switzerland, home hope Arnaud Clement against Swedish star Thomas Enqvist and an all-American clash between James Blake and Taylor Dent.

If all goes according to plan, Hewitt would meet up with Kuerten in the last 16, Agassi would play former finalist Alex Corretja of Spain and Costa would take on last year's Wimble-

don finalist David Nalbandian of Argentina.

In-form Argentine seventh seed Guillermo Coria is a potential threat in Agassi's quarter.

Costa said that despite some patchy form in the run-up to the claycourt season grand finale he was confident he could go all the way once again.

"I am pretty relaxed and can now draw on the experience of winning previously," said Costa.

Three-time champion Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil hopes to pull out of his recent nosedive in form—he has had a poor time of it in the Masters Series even of his favourite surface.

But the samba star from Florianopolis finds Hewitt in his top quarter of the draw and could have to get past Argentine seed Gaston Gaudio beforehand—not an easy draw given Kuerten's current form.

First of all the Latin American has to beat Marc Rosset of Switzerland.

AFP

Roger Clemens on brink of No. 300; few may follow

NEW YORK—Roger Clemens wants an early win, rather than an Early Wynn.

History is staring the Rocket right in the face — literally, these days. An avid student of the game, he is all too aware of what it means to reach 300 victories.

And what it takes to get there. Taped up in Clemens' locker at Yankee Stadium is a glossy picture of Wynn, the pitcher who got stuck at No. 299 and needed seven trips to the mound before reaching the milestone in 1963.

"I'm hoping to get on it and get after it pretty quick," Clemens said. "I'd like to get it and get it over with."

Barring any setbacks from a bone bruise on his right hand,

having been hit by a line drive in his last start at Fenway Park, Clemens will take his first shot at 300 on Monday at Yankee Stadium.

Fittingly, he's scheduled to face his old team, the Boston Red Sox.

Only 20 major leaguers have made it to the mark that has long defined pitching greatness, and none since Nolan Ryan in 1990.

"I think when I finally accomplished it, at the time it was just a number I had achieved," Ryan said. "When I look back, I think I probably have more appreciation for it now."

Ryan also noted how Rafael Palmeiro recently became the 19th player to hit his 500th home run. Fred McGriff and Ken Griffey Jr. also are closing in on that gold

standard for sluggers, meaning the elite 500 and 300 clubs could soon each have 21 members.

"The numbers throughout the history of the game are very similar, very comparable," he said. "I would not say it is easier 30 years ago or now to win 300 games. If the pattern stays to what it has been the last 10 years, I think there will be more 500 home run hitters than 300-game winners."

When Ryan made it, playing for the Texas Rangers at old County Stadium in Milwaukee, it ended an extraordinary era for pitchers. He was the sixth one in nine seasons to record his 300th victory.

Ryan followed future Hall of Famers Gaylord Perry, Steve Carl-

ton, Tom Seaver, Phil Niekro and Don Sutton.

Ryan, the greatest power pitcher ever, and Sutton, who relied on guile, wound up tied for 12th all time with 324 wins.

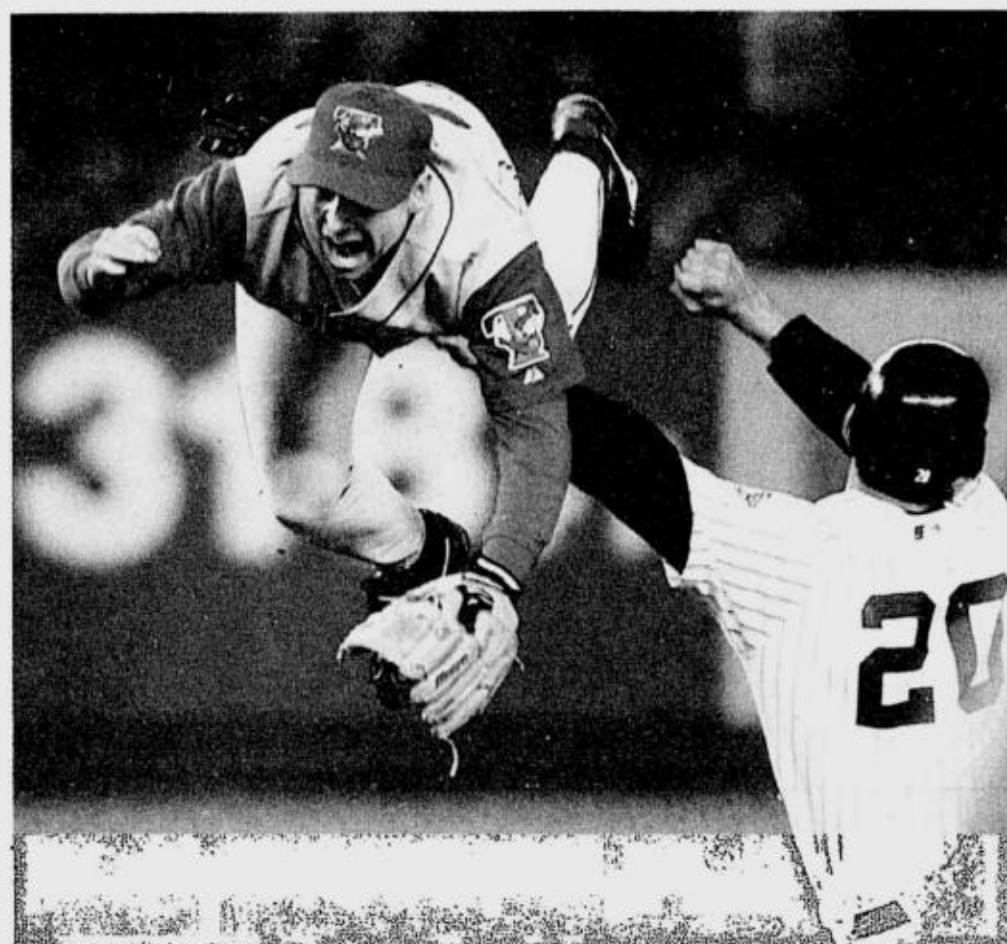
"I was aware of 300 and that it was probably a key to the Hall of Fame, and I felt the way that I pitched I had to win 300 to make the Hall of Fame," Sutton said. "And a lot of guys don't articulate goals. But that's how I motivated myself by articulating those goals."

"I started thinking strongly about 300 when I broke Don Drysdale's record with Los Angeles that was 210 wins. After that, I wanted to stay healthy enough and pitch successfully enough to get it." **AP**



ROGER CLEMENS: Early win, not Early Wynn jinx.

Blue Jays deal NY Yankees another home loss



DIRTY RUNNER: Yankees catcher Jorge Posada knocks Mike Bordick of the Toronto Blue Jays into the air in an attempt to break up a double play at second base. Posadas was thrown out of the game for aggressive base running and teammate Hideki Matsui was thrown out at first for the double play. **AFP**

NEW YORK—Kelvim Escobar outpitched Mike Mussina (7-3) and the Toronto Blue Jays sent the banged-up New York Yankees to yet another home loss, 6-2 Friday night.

New York has lost five in a row at Yankee Stadium, its longest skid since the middle of the 2000 season. The Yankees' ninth defeat in 10 home games dropped them out of the AL East lead for the first time this year. They trail Boston by a half-game.

The game began about a half-hour late because of rain, and the crowd of 34,134 had little to cheer about after Jason Giambi's RBI double in the first inning. Escobar (2-1) and the Blue Jays' bullpen kept the fans quiet on a chilly, damp night.

The Yankees played without two of their top hitters. All-Star center fielder Bernie Williams was placed on the 15-day disabled list because of torn cartilage in his left knee — he's expected to miss four to six weeks — and shortstop Derek Jeter was scratched right before gametime with mild stiffness in his left hamstring.

In Chicago, Mike Maroth won for the first time in 10 decisions this season, pitching seven strong innings for Detroit.

Maroth (1-9) gave up three hits, two walks and struck out three to snap an 11-game losing streak. He won for the first time since Sept. 16, 2002, against Kansas City.

Dmitri Young hit an RBI double off Kelly Wunsch to score Ramon Santiago with the go-ahead run in the eighth inning. **AP**

Devils advance to Stanley Cup finals vs Ducks

OTTAWA—Jeff Friesen was down, shocked that his mistake in the third period might have cost the New Jersey Devils a chance at another Stanley Cup.

Moments later, he scored the biggest goal of his career and sent his team to the finals with a 3-2 victory over the Ottawa Senators in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals Friday night.

They will face the Anaheim Mighty Ducks for the Stanley Cup with Game 1 in New Jersey on Tuesday night.

"How fitting, Jeff Friesen turns the puck over and they tie it up," said Ken Daneyko, who has played on New Jersey's two Stanley Cup-winning teams. "We wanted to kill him, but all of a sudden he becomes the hero."

Friesen's turnover early in the third period led to Ottawa's tying goal. His finishing touch with 2:14 left — his third game-winner of the series — put the Devils into the Stanley Cup finals for the third time in four years.

"I couldn't even describe what that was like," Friesen said. "It just happened to work out that I got a chance."

The turnover led to Radek Bonk's tying goal at 1:53. But words from coach Pat Burns and several teammates — including injured forward Joe Nieuwendyk — kept him focused.

"I made a bad play at their blue line," Friesen said. "I couldn't believe it, there was a lot going on in my mind."

The Devils, champions in 2000 and finalists in 2001, led the series 3-1 before dropping consecutive games for the first time in the post-season. That got the Presidents' Trophy-winning Senators into a deciding game few thought would occur.

"We weren't disappointed when we came here for Game 7," Friesen said.

Ottawa took a 1-0 lead when Magnus Arvedson scored 3:33 in, but Jamie Langenbrunner scored goals 1:54 apart to put New Jersey in front. After Bonk retied it, Friesen atoned for his error. **AP**

10th-inning rally lifts Cards past Pirates

PITTSBURGH—J.D. Drew tripled home the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and the St. Louis Cardinals, down to their last strike before Scott Rolen hit a three-run homer in the ninth, rallied past the Pittsburgh Pirates 10-8.

Albert Pujols didn't homer for the first time in five games, but had a career-high five hits — including an RBI single in the two-run 10th against reliever Brian Meadows (0-1) Friday night.

The Cardinals trailed 6-1 and 7-2 before getting two late-inning three-run homers, Tino Mar-

tinez's shot in the eighth off Brian Boehringer and Rolen's in the ninth off closer Mike Williams.

The Pirates still had a chance to win it, with Jeff Reboulet's double scoring the tying run in the bottom of the ninth. But Cal Eldred (3-1) got Kenny Lofton to fly out with the bases loaded to send the game into extra innings.

The Pirates have lost 15 of 19 overall. Lofton homered to extend his hitting streak to 21 games, the NL's longest this season.

In Denver, Todd Helton had

four hits and four RBIs in Colorado's victory over the San Francisco Giants, who lost Barry Bonds to an injured right leg.

The five-time MVP strained his patella tendon in the fourth inning when he jumped up against the wall on Preston Wilson's double. He stayed in the game, but came out and limped to the dugout after lining a single off the wall to lead off the fifth.

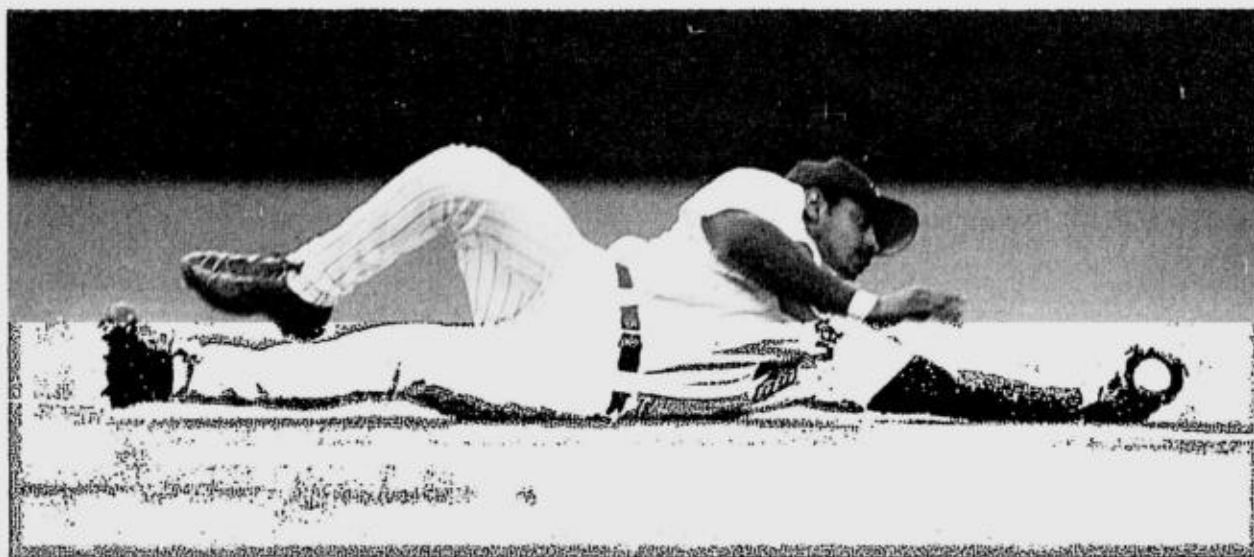
Bonds will have an MRI exam in Denver on Saturday, and Gi-

ants manager Felipe Alou said it was unlikely he would be able to play.

Jose Hernandez hit his third homer in four games for the Rockies, who won for just the second time in seven games but improved their NL-best home record to 16-7.

Helton finished a triple short of the cycle and hit his first homer in nearly a month.

Benito Santiago homered and drove in three runs for San Francisco, which has lost nine of 14. **AP**



GREAT CATCH, BUT ... Montreal Expos shortstop Orlando Cabrera fields a hot grounder but can't make the throw in time to stop a single by Jimmy Rollins of the Philadelphia Phillies. **AFP**

SPORTS

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1. False (Michael Jordan)
2. Ed Picson
3. Sonny Liston (in 1964)
4. Jesse Owens
5. Gerald Ford
6. American football (by the famed coach Vince Lombardi)
7. Grantland Rice

Olympic fugitive remains in custody in Bulgaria

SOFIA, Bulgaria—John Kim, the son of a powerful IOC member, will remain in Bulgarian custody on charges related to the Salt Lake City Olympic scandal, attorneys said Friday.

Kim, who was arrested Sunday at the Sofia airport, will be held pending extradition proceedings to the United States, attorney Kamen Sitniski said.

A court ruled late Thursday that Kim would not be released on bail.

John Kim faces charges of fraud and document forgery allegedly committed between 1995 and 1999 in New York. He is accused of lying to FBI investigators and 16 counts of using a fraudulently obtained green card for a "sham" job. A telecommunications executive testified was arranged by Salt

Lake's bid leaders.

He is the son of Kim Un-yong, a South Korean IOC member reprimanded by the International Olympic Committee in 2000 for his involvement in the city's bribery scandal.

John Kim was one of three minor players indicted in the tainted bid for the 2002 Winter Olympics. Kim, who was living in New York,

fled to South Korea before a U.S. court charged him in September 1999 and never returned.

He was arrested on an Interpol warrant as he arrived from Paris. He had spent six days in Madrid, Spain, and one night in Paris before coming to Sofia.

"It's kind of strange that he was not arrested there. He crossed the borders without problems," Sit-

niski said.

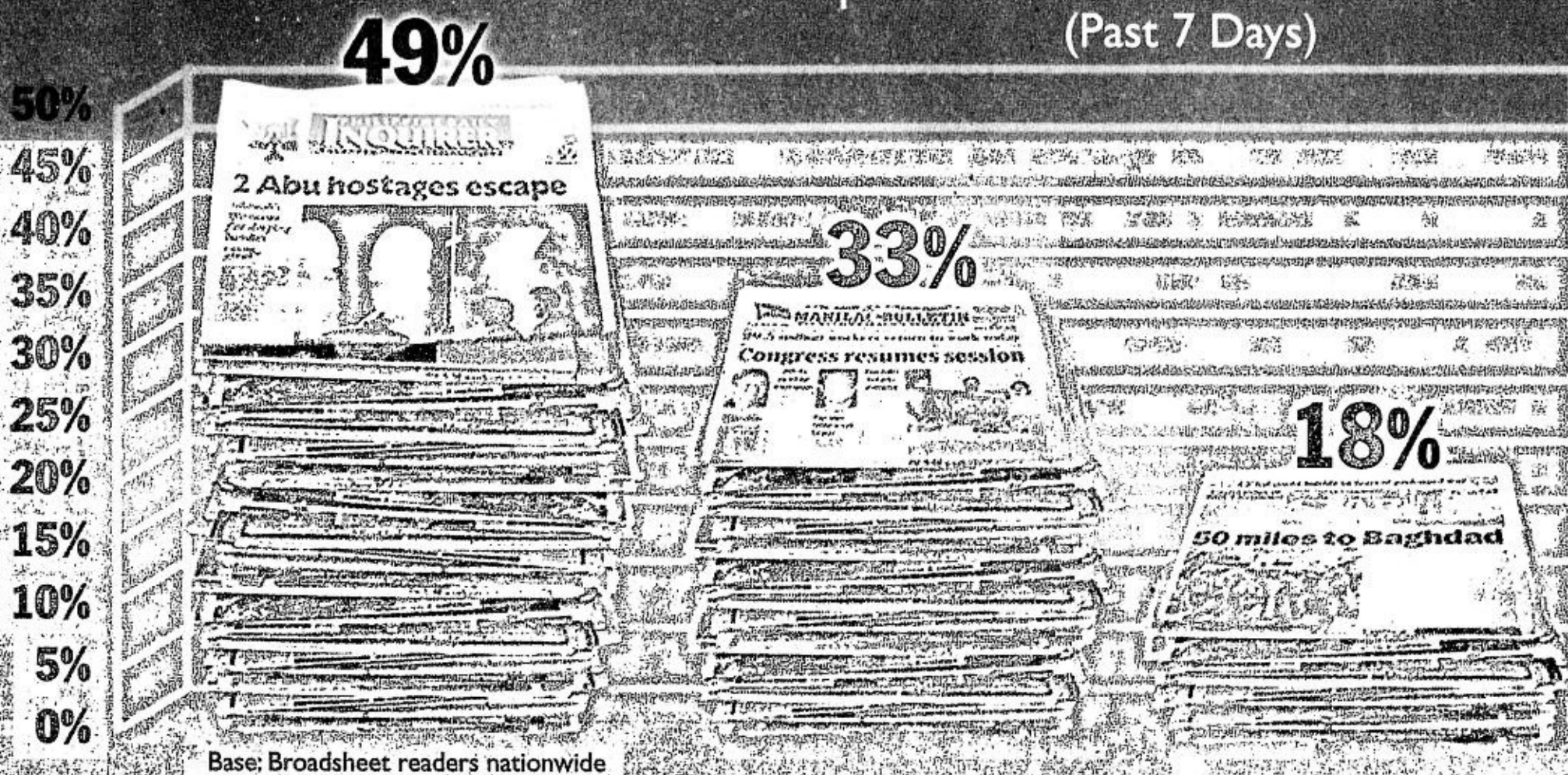
Bulgarian Olympic Committee president Ivan Slavkov had officially invited Kim to visit Bulgaria.

He had been scheduled to inspect the rowing channel near the city of Plovdiv. South Korean rowers are considering using the venue as a training base ahead of next year's Olympics in neighboring Greece. **AP**

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Four fathers gave this exec life principles



COLAYCO at son Joey's confirmation in 1977 at the Xavier School.

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

RUFO Colayco was with a group of friends at the Manila Polo Club recently when a man about his age came in with his wife and grandchildren in tow.

The scene prompted Colayco to ask his friends, "Pare, are we all going to end up like that?"

FIRST JOB

The 62-year-old president and CEO of the Bases Conversion Development Authority maintains the same playfulness he has practiced throughout life. But as he talks about some candid moments in his life, he also admits to his nearing mortality saying he has already battled it out with the big C and an accident that nearly cost him his life.

But while the man can be quite open about his experiences and be honest about his thoughts on life and existence, colleagues point out that he can put on his Harvard look and get tough on the negotiating table.

A good 40 years ago, Colayco was less sophisticated and was simply a young man out to enjoy life to the hilt. He says he was actual-



NEW Year celebration with wife Tess and son Joey, 1993.

ly doing the dirty work of athletes who were hired by the same oil firm he was working for, but were getting paid much more.

Although a La Sallian from elementary to high school, Colayco went to the Ateneo de Manila University for college. He finished Arts in History and Government in March 1962, and delivered the valedictory address

during graduation, beating out former Sandiganbayan head Francis Garchitorena.

He says he did not get the privilege because he was the most brilliant but simply because he was captain of the debate team and was a good public speaker.

The year 1962 was not a very good one for graduates.

That was the time when the late president Diosdado Macapagal, the father of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, ordered the first devaluation of the peso against the US dollar from P2 to \$1 to P3.90: \$1.

Colayco says traditionally, the honor students would immediately get hired by multinational firms like P & G, Colgate-Palmolive, Unilever (then PRC), Citibank, IBM. There was not much hiring that year but he was lucky enough to be hired by Procter & Gamble. However, he was told that he can only start working by July.

Meantime, his father, Jose, who had remarried, had to take care of a growing family. (Colayco's mother died when he was 6 and his step mother, Dolores, had 14 pregnancies, with one still birth and two miscarriages, for a

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Wanted: Investors in Pag-asa

A LOW-IMPACT resort that would blend with the surrounding seascape, a dive and surfing shop, an ice plant, a fish port, a refueling station for commercial and leisure sea craft and a commercial air route.

These are among the possible pioneering areas businessmen can go into on the 34-hectare island of Pag-asa, one of nine islands and reefs that constitute Palawan's Municipality of Kalayaan in the Spratlys.

"If investors come in, we can diminish the presence of the Armed Forces on the island," says Rear Adm. Ruben G. Domingo, commander of the AFP's Western Command. "We have spent so much money maintaining the islands. Now that the Cambodian Agreement is in place, it is time for the government to realize the needed return on its investment (ROI)."

Breakthrough

The landmark agreement, says Domingo, constitutes a breakthrough in resolving the question of sovereignty over the hotly-contested Spratly Islands. It bounds the claimant countries (Brunei, China, Malaysia, Philippines and Vietnam) to stay where they are and refrain from activities that would escalate tensions in the South China Sea.

It also enjoins these countries to extend assistance to persons in distress, whether they are fishermen, tourists, divers and other water sports aficionados, and refrain from occupying uninhabited islets, shoals, reefs and atolls.

Kalayaan municipality is composed of seven islands and two reefs: Pag-asa, Panata, Patag, Kota, Lawak, Likas, Parola, Rizal and Ayungin. "Pag-asa is like an oasis in the whole expanse of the China Sea. It has pine-like and cabbage-like tree species that serve as watershed to the only source of fresh water in the huge municipality," said Domingo.

Bird Sanctuary

Lawak is a bird sanctuary or a watering hole and feeding ground for migratory birds. Likas is a favored nesting place of the endangered pawikan or marine turtle.

The municipality lies in the most biologically diverse region on earth—the Indo-Pacific. Its reefs and islets harbor corals, mollusks, fish and seabirds. Like the rest of the Spratlys, it is the breeding ground for tuna, mackerel, scads, and shrimps.

"Environmentalists and marine biologists consider the Spratlys as a genetic savings bank. It is the spawning ground of various high-value commercial fish species that later on migrate to the fishing grounds off Palawan

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Calorie counter with your pasta?

CHICAGO—Consumers wondering how much fat is in the fettuccine Alfredo they ordered will soon find that information easier to come by.

Restaurant goers, concerned about obesity and other health issues, want to know what's in their meals, and restaurants are starting to accommodate them with brochures, websites and waiters armed with information.

Nutrition breakdowns are required for packaged foods, but it's relatively new for restaurants. And it's not just about keeping customers happy, say some in the food industry; it's also about being ahead of the curve on a wave of laws that would require nutrition labeling at restaurants.

"They're hoping it won't be a law, but they're also feeling pressured," says a source.



YOUNG exec in the '70s.



WITH SGV founder, Washington SyCip, 1976.



COLAYCO, Tess and son Joey in the early '70s.

Wanted: Investors ...

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and the Sulu Sea," said Domingo.

A paper written in 1993 by Ted McDorman noted that the value of yellow fin tuna migrating through the southern sector of the Spratlys alone has been estimated to reach \$50 million per year.

Says Domingo: "That is why we are battling for a joint development of the Spratlys by the claimant countries. This could prevent destructive fishing practices such as muroami, cyanide and dynamite fishing which are already happening in some areas of the Kalayaan."

Initially, areas for investment include fisheries and tourism. For one, Pag-asa needs an ice plant to support the municipal fishing enterprise established there by incumbent Mayor Rosendo L. Mantes.

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) has already identified a suitable area for the construction of a wharf that will serve as a transshipment point for both international and domestic vessels.

An additional 50 hectares may be reclaimed from the sea to expand the capacity of the wharf.

The mayor has also initiated a mangrove-planting project to protect the island from the pounding of waves. Siltation is a problem along both ends of the 1.3-kilometer airstrip currently being used by the Navy.

The Navy's BN Islander 10-seater short take-off and landing (STOL) plane is the fastest way to get to Pag-asa. Local residents can "jibe" or take the plane from Puerto Princesa to Pag-asa and vice-versa depending on the availability of seats.

The mayor is currently negotiating with Bonanza Air for it to open a regular scheduled flight to the island. "When this happens, the AFP can turn over the maintenance and operation of the airstrip to the municipal government," said Domingo.

A graduate of industrial engineering, Domingo says that there are indications that there is oil in the Kalayaan island group. (Bob C. Navarro)

Four fathers gave this exec ...

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total of 13 children.)

"I had to start earning on my own. Instead of waiting till July I already wanted to earn money," he says, adding that he had to live with his grandmother.

The only job available was as gas boy at a Caltex station at the corner of Padre Faura and Nebraska Streets in Manila.

The place was also the training ground for basketball players who got cars and high salaries.

He recalls working with the likes of Bengzon, Acuña, Pestaño.

When one of them bungled the work, such as when one of the players poured water in the radiator of a Corvette only to find out later that its radiator was air cooled, the car had to be pulled to the lift and the oil drained.

"I had to do it," he says.

Some Maryknollers whom he hanged out with in college would gas up at the station and pretend not to see him.

But Colayco says the menial task did not bother him and he would always go out of his way to greet people.

"Those were my happiest working days," he says.

Payday was Friday and for a while Colayco just saved up his money.

At that time the "brand new car of choice" was a Beetle which cost about P10,000. A Mercedes Benz 200 (comparable to the E class now) cost P20,000 while the S class cost P35,000.

He saved for about two months but he blew it all in one night, when Prima Ballerina Dame Margot Fontaine came to Manila to perform at the former Rizal Theater.

His savings were just enough to buy two tickets and dinner at the former Madrid restaurant along Edsa.

He recalls buying the ticket from Tingting Cojuangco (then de los Reyes) who was manning the ticket booth and she commented "Wow Rufo I hope she's worth it."

By July, he was already working at P & G as a trainee for procurement and was in charge of buying packaging materials for the Tide boxes. Then he was put in charge of sourcing copra which was the raw material for soaps.



EARTH moving at Tagaytay Highlands.

His salary was P350 a month and he gave to his step mother as tradition dictated.

After three years, he moved to EEI under Jaime Ongpin where he was also put in charge of procurement.

He got married in 1966 to Tess Torres, the direct aunt of Lucy Torres-Gomez. He knew he was marrying to a well-to-do family from Ormoc but he did not have any money and was going to settle for a small wedding.

The wish of Tess family was the Archbishop's palace and dinner at Casa Español.

To be able to afford these, Colayco sold his five-year-old Beetle for P5,000.

By this time though he was already getting P1,500 a month.

His father-in-law, aware that he had sold his car to be able to pay for the wedding decided to give them a gift—a brand new Mercedes Benz.

Soon his officemates were talking about him as he was in charge of procurement.

"But it's a good thing that Jimmy knew my wife's family," Colayco says.

After a couple of years living a comfortable life, his wife asked him one Sunday evening if he had plans of taking an MBA. He told her he had no money but she told him to just apply to Harvard anyway. He did and got accepted.

At a loss as to where to get the funds to pay for graduate school, his wife told him to write her father, Vicente, and tell him that he got accepted. Then she told him to go to Ormoc to thank him for the car.

Without telling him straight, his father-in-law asked him what his plans were. The young Colayco told him he had no money to pursue an MBA. His father-in-law then suggested that he buy the Benz back to give him a headstart for Harvard.

"In other words he bought the car twice and gave me enough to pay for my first year. The second year I had to get a student loan."

Colayco says he became close to his father-in-law who was a very righteous and self-made man.

He says Vicente and his father, a Court of Appeals judge, who helped write the ombudsman law were big influences in his life.

"My father was an absolutely moral person. Anyone who met him immediately got the impression of a sense of rectitude," he says.

He and Tess left for Harvard and she gave birth to their only child, Jose Jr. in the United States.

After two years he came back and worked for SGV from 1971 to 1987.

Colayco considers Washington SyCip, one of the founders of SGV as among his mentors during his 40-year career.

The other is Robert Kuok whom he joined in 1989.

As CEO of the Kuok Group Companies in the Philippines, he supervised the major projects of the Kuok group in the '90s including The Enterprise Center (venture of Kuok with San Miguel and Anscor) and the Shangri-La hotels.

After quitting Kuok in 1997 he

co-founded Agrosy Partners Inc. with half-brother Aloysius and Gloria Tan-Climaco. Agrosy is a private equity firm with \$175 million worth of funds to be used as equity into Philippine firms.

A couple of years later he was appointed head of the Clark Development Corp. under the Erap administration.

Colayco recalls he was invited to a birthday party of presidential contender Danding Cojuangco in 1998 and made to sit beside then President Joseph Estrada. Soon enough, Estrada offered him the Clark Development Corp. He says he thought he could make a contribution to society so he accepted.

According to him he did not want to play the game of Estrada so he was fired. In March 2002, he was asked by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to head BCDA.

"I thought when I got to Clark that it was one place where I could make a real contribution but the platform to pursue that vision is really BCDA."

Colayco says he has already reached a point in his life when he is doing what he really wants to do.

Perhaps it is a resurfacing of the many righteous men in his life. Other than his father and in law, Colayco says two priests in college laid the foundation and provided him with the principles in work and life.

Ateneo priests Fr. Horacio V. de la Costa and Fr. Cronin were inspirations to the young student then.

"Fr. de la Costa gave me that keen awareness that the leadership of every society and nation have an inherent responsibility to ask for the benefit for their countrymen," he says.

"Fr. Cronin affected my personal philosophy—I don't want to do something because I will be rewarded. I want to do it because it is the right thing to do by my fellowmen," he adds.

He claims he has reached a point in his life where he wants to leave a legacy and do good for the country.

"I've always said that I know that I will be at peace in my last days if I can look back and feel that my principal drive was to make things better, to make a contribution to society," he says.

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Operation Big Brother brings hope to public school kids

SIXTEEN-year-old and incoming high school senior Melvin Santiago is just one of over 10,000 public school students who dreams of going to college and getting a good job to help his family.

His parents are fish and vegetable vendors at a nearby public market, were able to send Melvin and his two brothers and three sisters to school with their minimal earnings. But their chances of going to college will not become a reality if not for the Kraft Foods (Phils.) Inc. and De La Salle University under Operation Big Brother (OBB) program.

Mindful of the problems in the public school system, a group of business leaders banded together to support initiatives directed at improving the quality of public school education through the program.

It is OBB's objective to produce academically competitive and well-rounded individuals through its various program components as well as provide private school-quality education in selected public schools for the most qualified students.

The delivery of private school-quality education is premised on important features of the school's learning environment. These include selective student admission based on extensive student data, selective employment of teachers with good academic background and positive work attitudes and values, deployment of adequate learning materials in the learning environment, and availability of supporting organizational and management systems.

OBB is a seven-year project that will implement a "Lasallian" high school education for selected groups of students in three high schools in the Division of Schools in Manila. The three are V. Mapa High School, Arellano High School, and G. Perfecto High School. All schools cater to students in the low to low-middle income brackets and have students in a wide range of ability levels. All schools also have relatively well-qualified pools of teachers.

With support from the school's principal and the Superintendent of the Division of Schools in Manila, in each school "pilot sections" will be created for each year level (two sections in V. Mapa, one in G. Perfecto, and one in Arellano).

For the first year of implementa-

tion, pilot sections will be created in the first two years of high school. In second year, the two sections will be promoted and another set of sections will be created for the first year. In the third year, the existing sections will be promoted and another section will be created for the first year. From the fourth year onwards, the existing sections will be promoted until they graduate. No new sections will be created from the fourth year onwards.

Each section will be limited to 40 students who will be selected through a screening process that include assessments of cognitive ability, personality, attitudes and values. Students in the pilot sections will follow an enriched curriculum derived from the curriculum of Lasallian high schools. They will be given similar content, materials, learning activities, requirements, and evaluation as those used in La Salle high schools, with a specific focus on the following subject areas: Science, Mathematics, English, Social Studies, and Filipino. They will be provided learning materials that approximate those available in Lasallian high schools (e.g., one textbook per student, complete school supplies, library

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Future looks bright and its color is coffee

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THE YEAR 2000 was not the best of times for local businesses. The peso breached the P50-\$1 psychological limit, the country was in the grips of the Estrada impeachment trial drama and foreign investors have cautioned investors against investing in the Philippines.

Like many conglomerates, Liberty Commodities Corp. responded to these daunting challenges by taking advantage of the few business opportunities that came its way.

As Liberty Ventures Inc. president Ernesto I. Fajardo explains in an interview, the economic difficulties that faced the country that time meant that some of the group's subsidiaries and affiliates would not do so well, but the good performance of the other subsidiaries made up for the losses.

Thus, by keeping its fingers in as many business pies as possible, the conglomerate continued to post a decent profit despite the challenging times.

Diversified

From the traditional flour milling business, Liberty has diversified over the years into the distribution of agricultural chemicals, the manufacturing of polyethylene pipes for industrial use and the importation of Betty Crocker mixes from US-based General Mills.

Liberty would have gone on to invest in other manufacturing projects, but instead it found itself moving to uncharted territories when it got the franchise to set up the Italian Segafredo Zanetti coffee chain in the Philippines.

"It so happened that one of our directors went to a Segafredo outlet in Europe and he really liked the coffee. We thought it would make good business so we wrote the owners a letter and asked them if they would consider giving us a franchise," Fajardo says.

Segafredo Zanetti is a family-owned chain of espresso shops started in the 1930s. It has since become Europe's foremost espresso chain, with its own coffee plantation, roasting plants and espresso bars.

Liberty was attracted to Segafredo Zanetti not just because of its coffee, but also because of the family's passion for quality and service.

It took a while for the Italians to respond, but confident that the Zanetti family would grant their request, Liberty went ahead and seriously studied the prospects of the coffee chain concept in the Philippines.

Good prospects

The Zanetti family was finally convinced of the prospects of the coffee industry in the Philippines when they saw for themselves how even high school students here would drink a cup of Starbucks coffee.

After more than two years of research and planning, the first Segafredo Zanetti Espresso Bar opened its doors to the public last year at Greenbelt 2, Ayala Center, combining the flavors of Italy and the Philippines.

Since the last thing that Segafredo Zanetti wanted was to be the same as everybody else, Liberty put considerable attention to the look of the coffee shop.

"We wanted our café to be modern with contemporary lines, but without losing the warmth that's why we used a lot of wood in the café. We hired architect Ed Calma to do the design," Fajardo explains.

The design incorporates the hallmarks of the Segafredo Zanetti outlet.

The Philippine franchise is also the only Segafredo Zanetti outlet that serves a full range of meals—from appetizers to dessert, from pizza to pasta. Food served in similar outlets in Europe is usually limited to the panini or sandwiches and cakes.

Fajardo says that they were fortunate that the Zanetti family gave its blessing to their plans to stretch the espresso bar concept to suit the idiosyncrasies of the Philippine market.

"We have Italian dishes like pasta and we have

rice meals. We presented to them a full service concept and they allowed us to do it but the coffee is still our anchor product," Fajardo adds.

The combination of full and hearty meals and the espresso that is as Italian as espresso can get led to the success of the Segafredo Zanetti outlet in Greenbelt, encouraging Liberty to put up a second one in Salcedo Village. It has pending applications to put up similar espresso bars in Eastwood, Podium and Glorietta.

The Liberty group is bullish about the prospects of the coffee industry, despite the proliferation of local coffee chains and entry of foreign chains such as Starbucks and Seattle's Best.

"The potential is really great and it is good that the young people are starting to drink

coffee. Later on they will graduate to better tasting coffee," Fajardo says.

Going into retail, however, was far more difficult than the Liberty group initially thought, particularly for Fajardo.

"In retail you have to be a little bit more personal. It is very entrepreneurial and you have to be really there to set the pace and make sure that the service is kept at a high level," Fajardo explains.

When in the corporate world it was easy to delegate tasks, Fajardo says it is not the case in the retail business, especially in the start-up phase.

"Here, personal administration is key. Before I would just look at the bottom line, not at the details. Now I realize that when you look at the details, the bottom line would improve," he says.



FAJARDO is at the Segafredo espresso bar almost every day.



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materials, learning aids, etc.). The students will be required to maintain a minimum grade point average to stay in the program.

OBB in action

As the new school year approaches, OBB conducted career talks for the students with Kraft employees spearheading the sessions. The employees provided the students an overview of college courses such as finance, IT, marketing, engineering and medicine. Melvin, who plans to take accounting in college, is looking forward to attending the sessions. "The talks will further confirm my decision to pursue a career in banking. I'm very thankful for the support given to me and my fellow students under Big Brother," Melvin said.

Kraft Foods Philippines Inc., a subsidiary of Kraft Foods Inc., is celebrating its 40th year of operations in the manufacture and sale of branded foods and beverages such as cheese, biscuits, snacks, beverages, confectionery and cereals.

Kraft Foods Inc. has operations in 68 countries, and sells its products in more than 145 countries. Kraft Foods North America operates in the United States and Canada, while Kraft Foods International manages operations in Asia-Pacific, Latin America, Europe, Middle East and Africa.

People, Events & Products

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THE CHILDREN'S Hour steering committee (second from left to right) Corazon Alma de Leon, president of International Social Service Phil. Network, Mayan G. Quebral, executive director of venture for Fund Raising, former Ambassador Bienvenido Tan, Jr., president of BBB Management, Susana A.S. Madrigal, president of AP Madrigal Steamship, Inc., Bob D. Gothong, vice chair of WG&A,

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WELCOMING the arrival of the Children's Hour honorary chair former President Corazon C. Aquino were Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II, chair of Children's Hour with vice chair Gina L. Lopez.



FROM left: Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, chair of Children's Hour, Gen. Renato S. de Villa, AFP and Victoria P. Garchitorena, president of Ayala Foundation, Inc., caught on cam at the beneficiaries photo exhibit during the Children's Hour Awarding of Grants last May 20 at Onstage Theater, Greenbelt 1 Makati City.

CHILDREN'S Hour vice chair and ABS-CBN managing director, Gina L. Lopez gave her welcome address to the the guest, donors and beneficiaries present during the Children's Hour Awarding of Grants at the Onstage Theater at Greenbelt 1, Makati City.



FROM left: Children's Hour executive director Evangeline Mayuga shares anecdotes with former Ambassador Bienvenido A. Tan Jr., Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II,

chair of Children's Hour and Victoria P. Garchitorena, president of Ayala Foundation Inc. At the background is the photo exhibit of the Children's Hour beneficiaries.



JOLINA Magdangal, Children's Hour official spokesperson to Children and Youth rendered a song during the Awarding of Grants at the Onstage Theater at Greenbelt 1 Makati City with the SOS Children's Villages Philippines.



JOLIS M. Yanga, a 12 years old beneficiary from Social Action Center of Pampanga (Sapoc), San Fernando, Pampanga who recently graduated as class valedictorian, did a touching response in behalf of all Children's Hour beneficiaries.



DEPARTMENT of Social Work and Development DSWD Sec. Corazon "Dinky" Soliman extends her gratitude to Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II, chair of the Children's Hour, for granting DSWD project on Educational Assistance for the PGMA Payatas Scholars. With them is Susana A.S. Madrigal (center), Children's Hour steering committee member.

Children's Hour grants over P19M to NGOs, charities

IN A recent ceremony held at Onstage Greenbelt, Children's Hour donated more than P19.29 million worth of grants to 27 NGOs and charities nationwide.

Children's Hour is a fundraising campaign inviting all individuals and companies throughout the Philippines to donate an hour of their earnings to support programs committed to the welfare and development of children and youth.

Roster of supporters seen in the grant-giving were some of the most influential figures in the country - former President Corazon C. Aquino, the honorary chair of Children's Hour, Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II, chair, former ambassador Bienvenido A. Tan, Jr., Warner Manning, president of HSBC, and Filomeno Francisco, president of Phinma.

Since its re-launch last August 2002, Children's Hour has raised over P32 million in cash and services from over 400 individuals and 147,000 employees from 388 cooperating institutions and companies in Metro Manila, Cebu, Western Visayas, Davao, Pampanga and Baguio.

"Indeed, it is heartwarming to see that even during times of uncertainty, we can forget the things that divide us and we are able to unite for a common cause: that of improving the lives and alleviating the plight of disadvantaged Filipino children and youths everywhere," Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II said.

The beneficiary projects were

carefully selected by the Project Selection committee headed by its chair Dr. Patricia B. Licuanan, President of Miriam College. Priority projects are those that will directly and visibly promote children's rights and provide disadvantaged Filipino children with access to education, health and nutrition, and other basic services including shelter and rehabilitation due to physical or emotional trauma.

Recipient organizations are as follows: Bagong Silang Special Education Center, Center of Excellence in Public Elementary Education, Create Responsive Infants By Sharing Phils. Inc., Department of Social Welfare and Development, Educational Research and Development Assistance Foundation Inc., Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center, Laura Vicuña Foundation Inc., Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Philippines, Sa Aklat Sisikat Foundation Inc., Sky Foundation Inc., Worldlab School Inc., Agape Formation and Educational Center Foundation Inc., Ma-ma's Hope Haven of Norway Inc., and Social Action Center of Pampanga, Augustinian Recollect Sisters, Bidlisiw Foundation Inc., Congregation of the Salesian Priest and Brothers of Don Bosco, SOS Children's Village Cebu, ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc., Assisi Development Foundation Inc., Basilan Provincial Hospital, Christian Children's Fund Inc., Davao Medical Center, Integral Development Services Phils. Inc., Philippine Agency for Community and Family Inc., and Su-

lu Provincial Hospital.

In the thanksgiving speech delivered by former President Corazon C. Aquino said, "The funds we have distributed here today will certainly go a very long way in improving the lives of thousands of Filipino children. We can also assure you that each and every peso you have donated to the Children's Hour will be used to keep these children on a path in which their lives continue to get better."

Children's Hour is founded on the simple, radical belief that one hour can make a difference in every child's life. If only working people throughout the world gave their earnings of one hour, it will be enough to positively affect the lives of millions of less fortunate children. To help, call the Secretariat at 894-1663 or visit the website at www.childrenshour.org.ph.

Children's Hour would like to thank the following: Food and Beverage, Alfredo's Steaks, Auntie Anne's, Anything Goes at Burgoo American Bar & Restaurant, Better Than Ice Cream, Blue Bacon and Green Eggs, Burger King, Café Havana, Café Juan Soy, California Pizza Kitchen, Cheesecake Etc. Inc., Dulcinea, Eburn, Goldilocks Bakeshop, Inc., Kimpura, Kitchen, LJC Group of Restaurants, Mr. Donut, Purefoods-Hormel Corp., Rai Rai Ken, San Miguel Corp., Saporio d' Italia, Seaside's Best, Smokey's, Taters, Teriyaki Boy, Thai-In-A-Box, Tokyo Tokyo, and the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

CHILDREN'S Hour honorary chair, former president Corazon C. Aquino gave her message to all the guest, donors and beneficiaries present during the Children's Hour Awarding of Grants at the Onstage Theater at Greenbelt 1, Makati City.



CUTTING the ribbon of the Children's Hour photo exhibit were (left) Dr. Patricia B. Licuanan, President of Miriam College and Susana A.S. Madrigal, president, AP Madrigal Steamship Inc. (right). Assisting them were former Ambassador Bienvenido A. Tan Jr., president, BBB management and Children's Hour executive director Evangeline T. Mayuga.



EDU B. Manzano hosted the Children's Hour Awarding of Grants for the 2002-2003 beneficiaries at Onstage Theater, Greenbelt 1 in Makati last Tuesday.



JAIME Augusto Zobel Ayala II chair of the Children's Hour and former president Corazon C. Aquino, honorary chair of Children's Hour poses with the new beneficiaries (from left) Ollie Campos, board member of Create Responsive Infants By Sharing (Cribis) Phils. Inc., Marikina City, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Sec. Corazon "Dinky" J. Sol-

man, Fr. Pierre Tritz, S.J., president of Educational Research and Development Assistance (Erda) Foundation Inc., Quezon City, and Fr. Adriano Satura, SDB-Rector of the Congregation of the Salesian Priest and Brothers of Don Bosco, Cebu City. Joining them were Children's Hour vice chair Gina L. Lopez and executive director Evangeline T. Mayuga.



JAIME Augusto Zobel Ayala II (right), chair of the Children's Hour poses with DSWD secretary, Hon. Sec. Corazon "Dinky" Soliman (second from right). With them were

some of the steering committee members (from left) former Ambassador Bienvenido A. Tan Jr., Susana A.S. Madrigal, Dr. Patricia B. Licuanan and Corazon Alma de Leon.



JAIME Augusto Zobel Ayala II chair of the Children's Hour and former president Corazon C. Aquino, honorary chair of Children's Hour poses with the new beneficiaries (from left) Bienvenido Delgado, national director of SOS Children's Village Cebu, Ma. Hazelle R. Preclaro, executive di-

rector of Worldlab School, Inc., Quezon City, and Fr. Deogracias Kerr S. Galang, executive director of Social Action Center of Pampanga (Sapoc), San Fernando, Pampanga. Joining them were Children's Hour vice chair Gina L. Lopez and executive director Evangeline T. Mayuga.



JAIME Augusto Zobel Ayala II chair of the Children's Hour and former president Corazon C. Aquino, honorary chair of Children's Hour poses with the new beneficiaries (from left) Azucena Limbo, executive director of the Nutrition Foundation of the Philippines, Quezon City, Sister Virgeen Healey, MM, program coordinator, Phil. Agency for

Community and Family Inc. (Pacaf), Davao City, Margarita L. Delgado, president of Sa Aklat Sisikat Foundation Inc., Makati City, and Rina Lopez Bautista, president and executive director of Sky Foundation Inc., Pasig City. Joining them were Children's Hour vice chair Gina L. Lopez and executive director Evangeline T. Mayuga.



JAIME Augusto Zobel Ayala II chair of the Children's Hour and former president Corazon C. Aquino, honorary chair of Children's Hour poses with the new beneficiaries (from left) Tina Monzon- Palma, executive director of Bantay Bata 163, Davao City, Julie V. Itaas, program coordinator of Bidlisiw Foundation Inc.,

Cebu City, Carol Atacador, director of Center for Excellence in Public Elementary Education (Centex), Tondo and Batangas, and Elisa G. Del Puerto, project manager of Christian Children's Fund Inc., Basilan. Joining them were Children's Hour vice chair Gina L. Lopez and executive director Evangeline T. Mayuga.



JAIME Augusto Zobel Ayala II chair of the Children's Hour and former president Corazon C. Aquino, honorary chair of Children's Hour poses with the new beneficiaries (from left) Mercedita C. Devocion, coordinator of Bagong Silang Special Education Center, Caloocan City, Viel Aquino-Dee, president of Assisi De-

velopment Foundation in behalf of Tabang Mindanao, Pasig City and Milagros Z. Duana, president of Agape Formation & Educational Center Foundation Inc., Sorsogon City. Joining them were Children's Hour vice chair Gina L. Lopez and executive director Evangeline T. Mayuga.

Execs avoid putting Ritz on expense list

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The swankiest hotels have hurt the most recently, especially in rates, which fell 4.2 percent last year to an average \$139.62 at high-end "upper upscale" hotels, compared with a more modest 0.2-percent decline to \$68.23 at mid-scale hotels, the most robust business category, according to data by industry tracking service Smith Travel Research.

The luxury hotels have divided into two camps on price.

One, including the Palace, has maintained rates, arguing customers who get a discount in bad times will come to demand one when conditions improve.

The other, which includes New York's Waldorf-Astoria, owned by Hilton Hotels Corp., has lowered rates, arguing they can maintain cachet so long as they maintain service.

Mark Lauer, director of sales and marketing at the Waldorf, said the hotel also was offering free parking in its packages, a departure from past promotions, and attracting leisure customers to make up for slow corporate and meeting business.

Going, going, gone?

Business travelers have been driven down-market before, but this time many may not come back, said Ed McWilliams, vice president of D.K. Shifflet & Associates, which surveys travelers.

Since the last hotel industry downturn about a decade ago, mid-level business hotels have filled a gap between high end and economy. Travelers who traded down may be satisfied, McWilliams said.

Peter Yesawich, a hotel marketing consultant, disagreed, saying those who liked the high end would not abandon it if they could help it.

But Kevin Mitchell, chairman of the Business Travel Coalition, which represents corporate travel buyers, agreed with McWilliams and said business hotels and discount airlines were here to stay.

Financial executives who in the last decade put a lid on travel expenses would maintain that discipline and feel the heat themselves if they appeared to indulge, Mitchell said.

"As word gets around that members of senior management are staying at the Four Seasons or Ritz-Carltons, that is a huge problem—even if they get the same rate," he said.

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sure from consumers," said Ann Diesen, the sales manager at Minneapolis-based Medallion Labs, which offers nutrient analysis and has seen rising interest from restaurateurs.

According to the National Restaurant Association, four state legislatures—Maine, New York, Texas and California—are considering labeling requirements for chain restaurants.

"And I bet there'll be at least 20 bills next year," the NRA's chief lobbyist, Lee Culpepper, said in a speech on Saturday at the NRA trade show in Chicago.

Big chains like McDonald's have provided this information for years, through brochures and Web sites, partly in response to criticism about the high fat and calorie content of their foods.

Other chains are positioning themselves as concerned purveyors of good-for-you meals. Olive Garden, a unit of Darden Restaurants Inc., offers a "Garden Fare" menu, with nutritional breakdown available in a pamphlet.

'Demand out there'

Now smaller chains are getting in on the trend. Max & Erma's Restaurants Inc., a Columbus, Ohio-based chain with 85 units, offers four "no guilt" items. A tear-off sheet details nutritional content.

"There's demand out there, from guests on strict diets and those who are trying to eat healthier," Rob Lindeman, vice president of franchising, said.

At Pasta Pomodoro, a California-based chain part-owned by Wendy's International Inc., waiters are receiving more queries about calorie content, according to Rodney Morris, director of training and human resources.

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ernance, sponsored by the National Computer Center, noted that despite the presence of 76 local telephone service providers there were only 3.1 million telephone subscribers.

Local telephone service is available only in half of the 1,609 cities and municipalities in the country, covering 75 percent of their population. Cellular phone services have a combined 10 million subscribers or 14 for every 100 persons. Only 1.5 million Filipinos have access to the Internet or two subscribers per 100 persons.

Speakers at the e-conference, attended by local government officials from the Visayas region, noted that major issues that still need to be addressed are in the areas of inadequate communication infrastructure and limited access especially in the rural areas.

Research to focus on victims of globalization

By Angelina G. Goloy
Contributor

GLOBALIZATION, or the integration of economies, cultures and lifestyles, politics and government policies, has spawned such diverse implications that nations are generally unable to cope with its consequences effectively.

Among those considered victims of globalization are the informal sector of the economy, consumers, and migrant workers, particularly from developing countries like the Philippines.

Their plight is the subject of research to be conducted by three of this year's recipients of The Nippon Foundation Asian Public Intellectuals fellowships.

The three are Dr. Isagani Antonio R. Yuzon, and lawyers Doran T. Dumalagan and Raquel Pastores-Corro.

The fellowships, conducted in partnership with the Ateneo de Manila University School of Social Sciences, seek to build a pool of individuals who can

articulate common concerns in the region and propose creative solutions.

Yuzon, senior lecturer at the UP School of Labor and Industrial Relations, takes on the cause of the informal sector of the economy—the displaced workers, forced retirees, unemployed professionals. Although often absorbed by small-scale entrepreneurs, they enjoy minimal legal protection. Yuzon will do a comparative study of social legislation and programs for this sector in the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand.

He urges the state to recognize its responsibility by formulating a legislative framework, enforcing it, and programming resources through proper coordination among implementing agencies.

"I hope to identify the best policies and practices in the countries covered by the research and, hopefully, have these replicated in the developing countries where this sector has been steadily neglected ... since 1975 when it was first brought to (government's) attention in a

research done by the UP College of Social Work and Community Development," he says.

Dumalagan, a CPA-lawyer, has had more than 10 years of experience in consumer protection while dealing with the Negros Oriental provincial office of the Department of Trade and Industry. He will do a comparative analysis of consumer protection laws and programs enforced in Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines, in response to economic globalization.

Certain goods put consumers at risk because of confusing labels or those that withhold vital information, he says. Consumers may not be aware that the products they purchase contain toxic substances or the services they pay for are substandard.

Dumalagan will share his research with government institutions and NGOs work-



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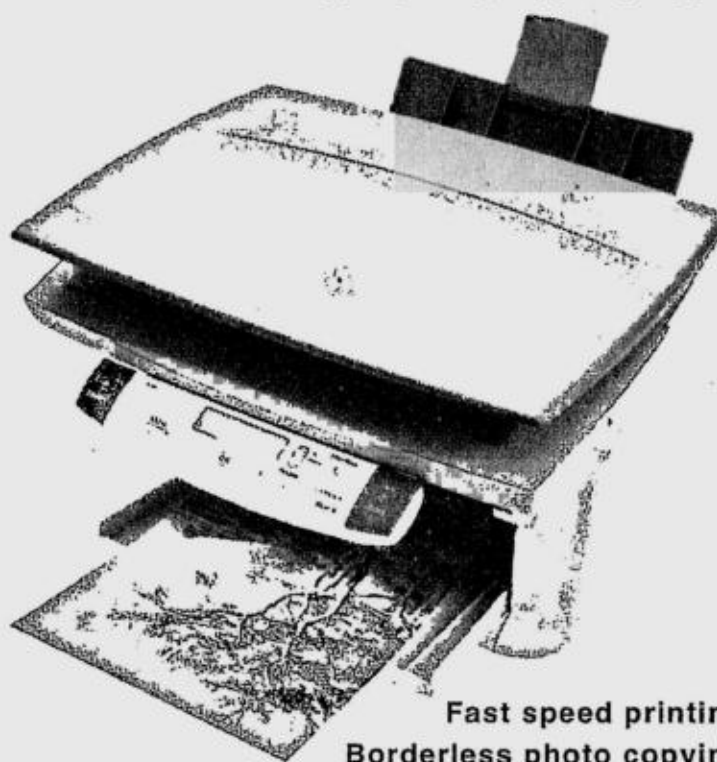
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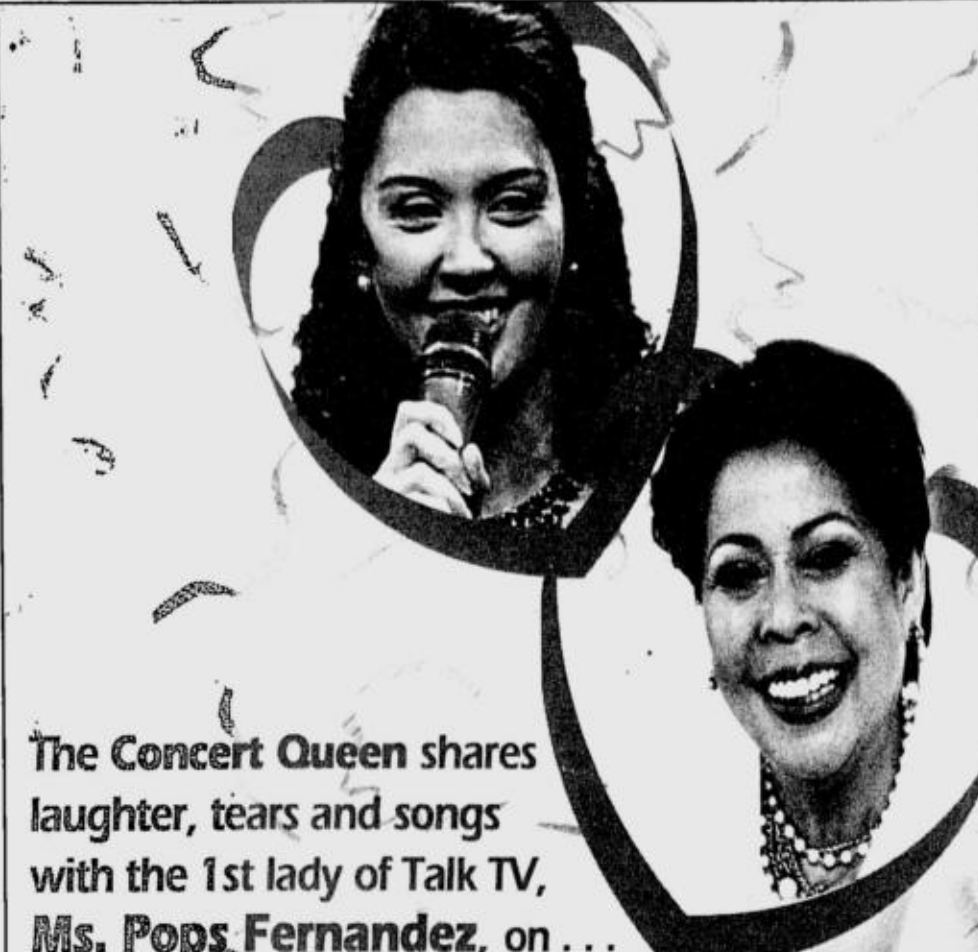
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**LOAN NO. 1665
METRO MANILA AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**
Expression of Interest

The Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), toward the cost of the Metro Manila Air Quality Improvement Sector Development Program (Investment Loan/1665 PHI). The overall objective of the Program is to improve air quality management in the Metro Manila air shed. Pursuant to Section 9 of RA 8749, a Governing Board (GB) shall be created for the Metro Manila airshed to oversee the formulation and implementation of an action plan to control air pollution in the area. The Governing Board shall be provided with technical secretariat supported by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) as well as a small group of technical experts. The Program provides support to the GB by funding the Technical Secretariat (TS) for two (2) years.

The objectives of the Technical Secretariat of the GB are: i) to develop strategies, policies and action plans and programs on air quality management; ii) to assist in the establishment and operationalization of the air quality fund (AQF); iii) to assist in the institutional development and capacity building for various stakeholders in various aspects of air quality management (e.g., air quality monitoring, air pollution control technologies and fuel quality, use of alternative and renewable sources of energy and compliance to rules and regulations) through the development of manuals, training and IEC; and, iv) other services that the GB may require.

Consulting Services
The following shall be selected through a consulting firm in accordance with the ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.

1. International Consultant: Team Leader
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3. Institutional Development and Capacity Building Specialist
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6. Legal Consultant
7. Air Pollution Control Technologist

The Consulting firms should contact the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at the address below for more detailed description of the service required.

Interested parties may secure Pre-qualification documents from the BAC-FAPs Secretariat c/o Ms. Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer, Foreign Assisted and Special Programs Office, DENR Compound, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City with telephone nos. 928-0970 / 928-0028 / 926-8065 starting May 26, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

Deadline for the submission of Expression of Interest and duly accomplished Pre-qualification documents shall not be later than 4:00 p.m of June 16, 2003 addressed to:

RENATO A. DE RUEDA
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Has peacefully joined his Creator on May 19, 2003.

His bereaved family: wife **Muriel**; sons: **Frank Jr., Frederick, Robert** and **Arnel**; daughters: **Francine** and **Diwata**; and grandchildren: **Martha Danielle, Katana Harlan, Renee Patricia**; brothers: **Norman, David** and **Benjamin**; sisters: **Catherine** and **Edith**, and his Trinity College constituents request your loving prayer.

Beloved Frank's remains lie in state at the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. John, 277 E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Cathedral Heights, Quezon City.

In lieu of flowers, we will appreciate it if you can donate to St. Mary's School in Sagada, Mountain Province through The St. Mary's School Alumni Association.

Maria Ac-ac Bernardez

Born October 30, 1917 in Paete, Laguna
Passed away on April 24, 2003 in Seattle, Washington, USA

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She led a life of prayer and praise, striving always for God's glory.

She is survived by her children **Ofelia, Leopoldo** and **Cynthia, Gloria** and **Robert, Teddy** and **Olivia, Eleanor** and **David, Fidel Jr.** and **Wilhelmina, Evangeline** and **Russell, Emmanuel** and **Louella**; and 21 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Her remains will be at the Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City, from May 25, 2003, Sunday, and a special memorial service will be held on May 27, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

Interment will be on May 28, 2003, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Memorial Park, Novaliches, Quezon City.

ILDEFONSO (DODY) SAN JUAN SAYOC

IMUS, CAVITE

Peacefully joined his Creator on May 23, 2003.

His loving wife **INING FLORES**; children **Joji, Marita** (†), **Tommy, Jay & Myla, Jojo**; and grandchildren **Anjeline & Camille**, request the pious readers to pray for his eternal happiness in heaven.

His remains lie in state at the La Funeraria Sapinoso, Premier Chapel at E. Topacio St., Imus, Cavite.

Interment will be on Tuesday, May 27, 2003 at the Imus Cemetery, after the 1:00 p.m. Mass in Imus Cathedral.



"Behold my Servant, whom I have chosen as my Beloved, in whom I delight!"

WE, the family and relatives of the late
HERMINIA BAJA-PANLILIO, M.D.
F.P.C.S. & F.P.O.G.S.

Invite you, our friends and her medical colleagues to join us in Holy Mass and Prayers, as we lovingly remember her, the 28th of May 2003, her FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY.

A Commemorative and Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on said last Wednesday of the month, at the SANCTUARY DE SAN JOSE, GREENHILLS EAST at 11:00 A.M.

Thanks to YOU, our BELOVED - for the LEGACY OF SERVICE. YOU are more alive than ever, in our hearts & spirit. May we be faithful to your Hopes & Aspirations for the Filipino Women & Children!

MESSAGE OF THANKS

The bereaved wife **Dra. Leonarda Araujo Naranjilla** and her children and children-in-law **Danny** and **Ivy, Jojo** and **Irene, Frankie** and **Cielo, Raymond** and **Pinky, Leonard** and **Aileen**; grandchildren and relatives of the late

FRANCISCO C. NARANJILLA

who joined his Creator on May 8, 2003
at the age of 71

wish to convey their heartfelt gratitude to all those who paid their last respect and grieved with them, offered Masses and prayers, flowers, messages of sympathy, joined the celebration of Mass and who in various ways gave them comfort at the time of their great loss and sorrow.

FRANCISCO "BOY" L. PINEDA

of Concepcion, Tarlac and Annandale, Virginia
Peacefully joined his Creator on May 20, 2003 at the age of 56.

His loving wife **MAXINE ALONZO**; parents **Juan** (†) and **Filomena** (†), brothers and sisters **Carmelita** and **Ricardo Castro** (†), **Leticia** and **Reynaldo Pinpin** (†), **Millagros** and **Angel Hernandez Jr., Violeta** and **Virgil Bernardino** (†), **Godofredo** and **Elena, Emilia, Osmunda, Josefina** and **Casiano Flores Jr.**, mother-in-law, **Mrs. Angeles Claravall Alonzo**; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

He was laid to rest at Fairfax Memorial Park, Fairfax, Virginia, U.S.A., last Saturday, May 24, 2003.

Masses: Church of the Risen Lord (Capitol Park Homes) May 25 & June 1 - 10:00 a.m.
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS
LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE
East Avenue, Quezon City

15 May 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO : All Regional Directors, Assistant Regional Directors,
Transportation District Officers and Others Employees Concerned

SUBJECT : Reiteration of the Registration Requirements to Equip
a Motor Vehicle with the prescribed Early Warning Device

Reports have reached this Office that many Transport District Officers have halfheartedly complied with the existing guidelines on **EARLY WARNING DEVICE** which is a mandatory requirement for registration under Letter of Instruction No. 229 and related issuances.

You are enjoined to exert earnest efforts to effectively implement this Road Safety measure and thus prevent hazards on the road, including fatal accidents caused by non-installation of EWD or use of inappropriate EWD.

In this regard, the guidelines set forth under Memorandum Circular No. RTL-MC-02412 dated 22 March 2002 are hereby reiterated for strict enforcement, with the view that safe travel is assured to both the road users and to the general public.

For guidelines and compliance.

(Sgd.) **ROBERTO T. LASTIMOSO**
Assistant Secretary

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. RTL-MC-02412
22 March 2002

TO : All Regional Directors, Assistant Regional Directors,
Transportation District Officers and Employees Concerned

SUBJECT : **INSTALLATION OF EARLY WARNING DEVICES ON MOTOR VEHICLES**

It has come to the attention of the undersigned that the various issuances on the installation and use of the Early Warning Device (EWD) are not strictly being enforced. In order to prevent hazards on the road, obstruction to traffic and accidents caused by non-installation of EWD or use of inappropriate EWD to signal approaching motorists of their presence, the use of appropriate EWD should be strictly enforced.

Pursuant to the Letter of Instruction No. 229, Directing the Installation of Early Warning Devices on Motor Vehicles and AO No. 1 of December 10, 1976 on the Rules and Regulations Implementing LOI 229, as amended requiring motor vehicles to be equipped with EWD, MC 92-146, MC 92-153, MC 95-219, Memorandum dated 15 August 1995 on EWD specifications, Memorandum dated 16 October 1995 on EWD and other related issuances, memoranda and circulars are hereby reiterated or amended as follows:

- I. **USE OF EWD**
 1. All owners, users or drivers of motor vehicles shall have at all times in their motor vehicles at least one (1) pair of EWD, one red and one yellow.
 2. Whenever any motor vehicle is stalled or disabled or is parked for 30 minutes or more on any street or highway, including expressways or limited access roads, the owner, user or driver thereof shall cause the EWD to be installed at least four (4) meters away from the front and rear of the motor vehicle stalled, disabled or parked.
- II. **SPECIFICATIONS OF EWD**
 1. The EWD should be triangular, collapsible reflectorized plates in red and yellow color. The sides of which are at least 40 cms long and 5 cms wide. The reflectorized panel should be backed by metal sheets and the stand should be metal.
 2. The triangle must be visible even under adverse weather conditions at a distance of at least 400 meters at high beam and it must lean slightly backwards from five to ten degrees perpendicular to the roadway in order to provide maximum visibility from its reflectorized sides.
 3. The lower edge of the reflectorized triangle shall be at least 7 cms. above the surface of the road.
 4. The EWD shall have a weight of at least 1.25 kilos, concentrated at the base and shall be designed that the EWD shall remain in place despite air currents generated by fast moving vehicles in the area where it is to be used.
 5. No accreditation of any supplier and/or brand shall be enforced. Home made EWD shall be honored provided the specifications are properly adhered to.
- III. **PUBLIC INFORMATION DISSEMINATION**
 1. All Regional directors shall effect public information dissemination on the specifications of the EWD and it being a requirement for registration
- IV. **FINES AND PENALTIES**
 1. No motor vehicles, except motorcycles shall be registered by the Land Transportation Office unless it is equipped with EWD herein described.
 2. Failure to install an EWD whenever the motor vehicle is stalled or disabled along the traveled portion of the street or highway shall be fined P300.00 and the license of the driver shall be suspended for 30 days.
 3. For failure to install EWD and such failure resulted in an accident, the license of the driver shall be suspended for a period not exceeding two (2) years or revocation of driver's license depending on the circumstances of the case.
- V. **PENALTY PROVISIONS**
 1. Any employees or official of LTO who caused the registration of motor vehicle except motorcycles/tricycles without EWD is liable to administrative sanctions.
 2. Any official or employee of the LTO who violates any provisions of this Circular shall be dealt with administratively.
- VI. All Orders, Circulars, Memoranda inconsistent with this Memorandum Circular are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.
- VII. **EFFECTIVITY.** This Order shall take effect after its publication in the Official Gazette or in the newspaper of general circulation or submission of three copies hereof to the UP Law Center.

Strict compliance is hereby enjoined.

(Sgd.) **ROBERTO T. LASTIMOSO**
Assistant Secretary

LETTER OF INSTRUCTONS NO. 229

**DIRECTING THE INSTALLATION OF
EARLY WARNING DEVICES ON MOTOR VEHICLES.**

TO : The Secretary
Department of National Defense

The Secretary
Department of Public Works, Transportation
and Communications

The Secretary
Department of Public Highways

The Commissioner
Land Transportation Commission

LETTERS OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 229

WHEREAS, statistics show that one of the major causes of fatal or serious accidents in land transportation is the presence of disabled, stalled, or parked motor vehicles along streets or highways without any appropriate early warning device to signal approaching motorists of their presence;

WHEREAS, the hazards posed by such obstructions to traffic have been recognized by international bodies concerned with traffic safety, the 1968 Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals and the United Nations Organization (U.N.);

WHEREAS, the said Vienna Convention, which was ratified by the Philippine Government under P.D. No. 207, recommended the enactment of local legislation for the installation of road safety signs and devices;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, in the interest of safety on all streets and highways, including expressways or limited access roads, do hereby direct;

1. That all owners, users or drivers of motor vehicles shall have at all times in their motor vehicles at least one (1) pair of early warning device consisting of a triangular, collapsible reflectorized plates in red and yellow colors at least 5 cms. at the base and 40 cms. at the sides.
2. Whenever any motor vehicle is stalled or disabled or is parked for thirty (30) minutes or more on any street or highway, including expressways or limited access roads, the owner, user or driver thereof shall cause the warning device mentioned herein to be installed at least four meters away to the front and rear of the motor vehicle stalled, disabled or parked.
3. The Land Transportation Commissioner shall cause Reflectorized Triangular Early Warning Devices, as herein described, to be prepared and issued to registered owners of motor vehicles, except motorcycles and trailers, charging for each piece not more than 15% of the acquisition cost. He shall also promulgate such rules and regulations as are appropriate to effectively implement this order.
4. All hereby concerned shall closely coordinate and take such measures as are necessary or appropriate to carry into effect these instructions.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President
Republic of the Philippines

OBITUARIES

Evangeline Sioson Palacios
April 6, 1956 - May 2, 2003



Vangie's family sends their love and thanks to everyone who was with them through their hour of most profound grief.

From Mass cards to flowers, from nightly vigils at the wake to countless phone calls and e-mail messages, the constant outpouring of love and support has made their unfathomable loss easier to bear.



"Only goodness and love will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come..." Psalm 23:6

MEMORIA ESCARO LOPEZ

Passed away in the grace of the Lord on May 23, 2003 at the age of 66.

Her loving children, Paolo and Cristina, Gerardo and Eleanor, Rosanna and Leonardo, Deo and Abby, Monina and Dave, Cecilia and Joey; brothers, Danny, Nestor, Manuel, Rikko, Renato, Angelo; sisters, Jolie and Alice; in-laws, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Mt. Carmel Shrine, Doña Juana Rodriguez Ave., New Manila, Quezon City.

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ROBERT LIAO HONG BUN

Founder, President & Chairman of the Board

*who peacefully joined his Creator
on May 22, 2003.*

His beloved wife **Agnes Liao**; children **Katherine, Karolyn and Valeriano Fernando, Frederick and Maritess Liao, Constantine Liao**; grandchildren **Katrina Fernando, Kamilah Fernando, Mark Fredric and Matt Fredric**, joins all the loved ones and friends of Robert in their offering of love and affection and for their pious prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz, Chapel A-2, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Mass will be held on May 27, 2003 at 9:30 in the morning at the Chinese Cemetery. Cremation will follow immediately.



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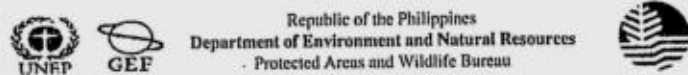
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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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INVITATION FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Inventory of Biotechnology/Biosafety, Development of a National Biosafety Database, Conduct of Workshops/Consultations for the Development of a National Biosafety Framework (NBF) for the Philippines, and Drafting of the NBF (GPN/2116-02-4529)

- The Government of the Philippines, through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)-Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB), has availed of a grant from the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)-Global Environmental Facility (GEF) for the "Development of a National Biosafety Framework for the Philippines" (NBFPP). Among the activities of the NBFPP are the inventory of Biotechnology/Biosafety, Development of a National Biosafety Database, Conduct of Workshops/Consultations for the NBF Development, and Drafting of the NBF.

- DENR-PAWB needs the services of one (1) Technical Consultant, one (1) Legal Consultant, and a Consulting Firm to undertake Project activities. The Consultants are expected to perform the following services:

Technical Consultant - Responsible for the conduct of biotechnology/ biosafety inventories; development and generation of a national biosafety database; technical assistance in the preparation of a report on existing sub-regional (ASEAN) biosafety frameworks and mechanisms for harmonization of risk assessment/management; and, technical assistance in the development of a national biosafety framework consistent with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, that will be crafted through a series of multistakeholder consultations.

Legal Consultant - Responsible for the conduct of inventory of existing legislation or legal instruments related to biotechnology/biosafety, as well as legal experts on these fields; lead the preparation of a report on existing sub-regional (ASEAN) biosafety frameworks and mechanisms for harmonization of risk assessment/management; and, lead the drafting of the NBF that will be crafted through a series of multistakeholder consultations.

Consulting Firm - Responsible for the organization and conduct of three (3) regional and one (1) national workshop/consultation with multistakeholders for the development of the NBF.

- The Consultants and Consulting Firm will be selected based on the following minimum qualifications:

Technical Consultant - At least a Master of Science degree in natural sciences or related discipline with strong background in biology, genetics, microbiology, molecular biology, biosafety, environment or agriculture; at least four (4) years demonstrated professional experience in the field of biotechnology and biosafety and related discipline; working knowledge of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, existing laws on biotechnology and biosafety and other related laws/policies; effective interpersonal and networking skills to enable interaction with multistakeholders; excellent written skills demonstrating ability to write clear, concise technical reports; and, skill in using computer programs and applications.

Legal Consultant - At least a Master of Laws degree in environmental law and policy or related discipline; at least four (4) years demonstrated professional experience in environmental law and policy or fields related to biotechnology and biosafety; working knowledge of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, existing laws on biotechnology and biosafety and other related laws/policies; extensive experience in policy formulation, including education and training; effective interpersonal skills to enable interaction with multistakeholders; excellent written skills demonstrating ability to write clear, concise reports; and, skill in using computer programs and applications.

Consulting Firm - Must be an institution with a public charter; must have an extensive track record and experience in the organization and actual conduct of multistakeholder workshops/consultations; must have an extensive track record and experience in training and education, and other capacity-building initiatives in the field of biotechnology and biosafety or related discipline; must have the capacity and experience in participatory approaches to policy formulation; must have extensive networking skills; excellent skills in process documentation and ability to write clear, concise reports; and, skill in using computer programs and applications.

The DENR-PAWB, through the National Biosafety Framework Project Management Office (NBFPP-PMO), therefore invites individual consultants and consulting firms meeting the minimum requirements, to submit their letters of interest and comprehensive curriculum vitae, to include description of similar work experiences/assignments undertaken.

Detailed Terms of Reference may be obtained from the address below. Expressions of interest and CVs must be submitted personally or by mail, fax or e-mail to the address given below not later than 5:00 PM on June 2, 2003.

National Project Coordinator
National Biosafety Framework Project (NBFPP)
Visayas Cottage, Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Nature Center
Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
Telephone No: (632) 924-6031 to 34 loc. 240; Telefax: (632) 426-9913 (Direct)
E-mail: njunc@skyinet.net or nbfp@paawb.gov.ph

(PDI - May 25, 2003)



NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION
Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID NPC-PSD 2003-001

The Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) - PSD of NPC invites interested bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following requirements:

SCHEDULE	ITEM/DESCRIPTION	PR NUMBER	ABC
A1 1 LOT	DATE OF BIDDING: JUNE 18, 2003; 10:00 AM LIQUID CAUSTIC SODA INTENDED FOR MAKBAN GEOTHERMAL PP	3 MAR03-0105	P 2,362,500.00
A2 1 LOT	DATE OF BIDDING: JUNE 18, 2003; 2:00 PM HYDROCHLORIC ACID (HCL) INTENDED FOR BATANGAS COAL FIRED PP	2BCF03-0089	P 1,486,991.51
B1 1 LOT	DATE OF BIDDING: JUNE 18, 2003; 2:00 PM PIPES, FLANGES, ELBOWS	5PGP103-0007	P 5,551,241.00
C1 1 LOT	DATE OF BIDDING: JUNE 19, 2003; 9:00 AM SPARE PARTS FOR HOTWELL PUMP "EBARA"	5PGP203-0007	P 1,480,705.00
C2 12 PCS	DATE OF BIDDING: JUNE 19, 2003; 9:00 AM SHAFT SLEEVES, LEFT & RIGHT FOR AUXILIARY COOLING BOOSTER PUMP "EBARA"	5PGP203-0006	P 1,068,228.00
C3 1 SET	DATE OF BIDDING: JUNE 19, 2003; 9:00 AM ACTUATOR, ELECTRIC "SEIBUELECTRIC MFR. CO."	5PGP103-0008	P 2,400,000.00
D1 3 UNITS	DATE OF BIDDING: JUNE 19, 2003; 2:00 PM POTENTIAL TRANSFORMER "FUJI ELECTRIC"	5PGP202-0057	P 433,392.00
D2 1 LOT	DATE OF BIDDING: JUNE 19, 2003; 2:00 PM VALVES, GAS INLET AND OUTLET SGE "SHOWA"	5PGP103-0053	P 15,600,000.00
D3 14 PCS	DATE OF BIDDING: JUNE 19, 2003; 2:00 PM DC-DC POWER SUPPLY MODULE	3BAC02-0542	P 1,400,000.00

NOTE: A Pre-Bidding Conference will be held at the bidding room for the following bidding schedules on:

B1 - JUNE 04, 2003; 9:00 AM	C1 - JUNE 04, 2003; 10:00 AM
C2 - JUNE 04, 2003; 11:00 AM	C3 - JUNE 04, 2003; 2:00 PM
D1 - JUNE 04, 2003; 3:00 PM	D2 - JUNE 04, 2003; 4:00 PM
D3 - JUNE 05, 2003; 10:00 AM	

Complete sets of Application form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Procurement Services Division, Materials Management Department of NPC, Diliman, Quezon City upon payment of non-refundable fee of PHP 100.00 per schedule starting on May 28, 2003. No bid documents will be issued 3 days before the date of bidding.

Bids will be received at the assigned Bidding Room, PSD, MMD, NPC, Diliman, Quezon City on the date and time specified above after which Eligibility Requirements and Bid Proposals will be opened in the presence of attending bidders. Certificate of Registration issued by former Genco Offices will be honored provided that the Certification is still valid.

Prospective Bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution in accordance with the IRR of "Executive Order 40".

The Bidder shall furnish as part of his/her bid, a bid security in the amount equivalent to a percentage of the approved budget for the contract to be bid in the form of Cash, Manager's/Cashier's Check, Irrevocable Letter of Credit-One Percent (1%), Bank Guarantee - One and a half percent (1.5%), Surety bond - Two and a half percent (2.5%), penal and callable on demand issued by a Surety or Insurance Company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission.

NPC reserves the right to reject any or all bids at any time prior to award of contract, waive any defects therein, and accept the offer most advantageous to the Corporation without thereby incurring any of the following: a) liability whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids; and b) obligation to inform the affected or bidders of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

CHAIRMAN
Bids and Awards Committee
PSD-NPC

(PDI - May 25 & June 1, 2003)

URGENT REQUIREMENTS

PROPERTY MANAGER

- prof. college graduate to handle the marketing, leasing and maintenance of office & residential condominium units, and other property holdings

SAFETY OFFICERS

- prof. Engineering graduates to handle the strict implementation of safety rules, regulations and protective systems in construction projects

FAMILY DRIVER

- at least 30 years old and a responsible person of good health and character, preferably residing within Alabang, Paranaque or Las Piñas areas

CADET ENGINEERS

- male or female, prof. CE graduates, to be trained in supervision, estimating, detailing, project scheduling and safety in construction

MECHANIC

- male, prof. with at least 10 years experience in the troubleshooting and maintenance of construction equipment (tower cranes, construction elevators, concrete pumps, heavy equipment, trucks, lifts and power tools)

Apply with picture, bio-data & NBI clearance at:

JDBEC, Inc., Rm-511 Doña Felisa Syjuco Bldg.,
Remedios St. cor. Taft Avenue, Malate, Manila
or e-mail: jdbecphil@yahoo.com

ATTENTION

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

A reward of P800,000 will be given to anyone who can give vital information leading to the recovery or surrender of a vehicle lost/stolen while parked at Kamayan Restaurant EDSA, Mandaluyong last March 30, 2003.

Details are as follows:

Make	: Toyota
Body Type	: Land Cruiser Wagon DSL
Color	: White
Yr. Model	: 2000
Plate No.	: WLN 453
Motor/Engine No.	: 1HD0186080
Serial/Chassis No.	: JT711TJA10-900-3191
Please Contact	: Ruben
Tel. No.	: 09178945644



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Philippines

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID HNC 03-05-15

The Department of Education through the Health and Nutrition Center is inviting all suppliers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following packages:

Package	Description	Approved Budget
1	Supply and Delivery Aneroid and Mercurotal Sphygmomanometer and Stethoscopes	P1,350,000.00
2	Supply and Delivery 600 pieces of Tackle Boxes	P1,000,000.00

All interested printers may avail of the bidding documents upon submission of a Letter of Intent and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) starting May 26 - June 6, 2003 at the BAC Secretariat Office, Rm. 112-A, Mabini Bldg., DepEd Complex, Pasig City or visit the DepEd Website at <http://www.deped.gov.ph>.

A pre-bid conference will be held on June 5, 2003, 10:00 AM at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Bldg. 1, DepEd Complex, Pasig City. The deadline for the submission and opening of bids shall be on June 19, 2003 at the same time and place mentioned above.

DepEd-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive deficiencies embodied therein without assuming any obligation whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids. DepEd-BAC further reserves the right to declare a failure of bid, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ
Undersecretary
Chairman, DepEd-BAC

(PDI - May 25 & June 1, 2003)



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Philippine Daily Inquirer
Chino Rocas Avenue (formerly Pasong Tamo)
Corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati City

E-mail: recruitment@inquirer.com.ph



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION
North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
P.O. Box 70, U.P. Diliman, Quezon City
TIN 0000-784-335

INVITATION TO BID

Interested parties are invited to pre-qualify and bid for:

SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT, LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR THE RENOVATION OF SIXTH (6th) FLOOR SRA MAIN BUILDING
Approved Budget : Php2,023,274.75
PCAB Registration and Classification License at least Small B

Only pre-qualified bidders shall be allowed to participate in the Public Bidding to be held on July 4, 2003 at the SRA Social Hall of the Sugar Regulatory Administration, North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City at 9:00 a.m.

Prequalification forms may be secured from the Secretariat, 3rd Floor, SRA Annex Building of the same address starting May 19, 2003 and the deadline for submission of said requirements shall be on May 30, 2003.

The list of qualified bidders shall be released on June 5, 2003. Thereafter, bid forms shall be issued for a non-refundable cost of P1,000.00/set.

A pre-bid conference shall be held on June 20, 2003 at the SRA Social Hall at 9:00 a.m.

All bids must be accompanied by a bidders bond in an amount equal to 1% of the approved budget for the contract to be bidden in the form of cash, certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit, or 1 1/2% in case of bank guarantee and 2 1/2% in case of Surety Bond, callable on demand, issued by a surety or insurance company duly accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, or any combination thereof, to be submitted on the opening of the bids.

For inquiries, please call:

The Bidding Secretariat - Telephone No. 929-8837

The SRA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any formalities or defect therein and to accept any or all offers that may be considered most advantageous to SRA

(Sgd.) JAMES C. LEDESMA
Administrator

(PDI - May 18 & 25, 2003)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The following persons are hereby notified of their overdue payments on their installments for the purchase of the following real estate properties, namely:

NAME	PROPERTY	PAYMENT(S) DUE
Marlon Bravo/ Marlon Serrano	Neopolitan, PV B39 L4 TCT#36652	1,018,858.95
Sergio Montinola	Neopolitan, PVIII B215 L5 TCT#37492	2,273,143.06
Alberto dela Cruz	Neopolitan, PIV B246 L6 TCT#27357	2,341,948.69

The above-named-persons are hereby given a grace period of two (2) months from publication of this notice within which to pay the above-mentioned sums to DBH Development Corporation at the 6th Floor, Renaissance Tower D, Meralco Ave., Pasig City. Failure to pay the above amounts shall result in the cancellation of the Contracts to Sell by DBH Development Corporation.

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December 05, 2002

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 181 s. 2002**SUBJECT** : Revised Maximum Allowable Service Fees for
the Provision of Whole Blood and Blood
Components.**I. LEGAL BASIS**

Pursuant to Section 35 of the Implementing Rules and Regulation (Administrative Order No. 9 s. 1995) of RA 7719 otherwise known as the "National Blood Services Act of 1994", the Department of Health is authorized to set reasonable service fee for every blood or blood products issued by a licensed or authorized Blood Service Facility. The Blood Service Facility may collect such fees which shall not be greater than the maximum prescribed by the Department of Health.

After a comprehensive study on the actual costs incurred in the collection and testing of blood units specifically considering the prevailing cost of the reagents used by the Blood Service Facilities (BSF), the National Voluntary Blood Services Program (NVBSP) Technical Committee has come up with the new maximum allowable blood service fees.

II. PURPOSE/COVERAGE

The revised maximum allowable service fees for the provision of whole blood and blood products shall be applicable to all Blood Service Facilities in the Philippines.

III. REVISED MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SERVICE FEES

Administrative Order No. 18 s. 1998 under Section 3, Maximum allowable blood service fees and Section 4, Item 4.4 is hereby amended as follows:

From	To
Whole Blood (500 ml) P 800.00	Whole Blood (500 ml) P 1,500.00
Packed Red cells P 750.00	Packed Red cells P 1,100.00
Other components P 700.00	Other components P 700.00
(Platelet Concentrate, Fresh Frozen Plasma, Cryoprecipitate & Cryosupernatant).	(Platelet Concentrate, Fresh Frozen Plasma, Cryoprecipitate & Cryosupernatant).

IV. GENERAL GUIDELINES

4.1. The above revised service fees shall be based on the following basic expenses, such as:

4.1.1. Donor recruitment

4.1.2. Blood Collection from Voluntary Blood Donors

4.1.3. Testing for Infections Agents:

Hepatitis B Virus (by EIA, Chemiluminescence, or

Particle Agglutination);

Hepatitis C Virus (by EIA, Chemiluminescence, or

Particle Agglutination);

HIV (by EIA, Chemiluminescence, or Particle

Agglutination);

Malaria Parasite (by thick and thin blood smear or

Quantitative Buffy Coat Method);

Treponema Pallidum (by Rapid Plasma Reagent

(RPR) or Treponema Palladium Hemagglutination

Test).

4.1.4. Component preparation costs; and

4.1.5. General/Administrative expenses for the

preparation of the blood products.

4.2. No honorarium fee shall be given to blood donors.

4.3. Expenses for Transfusion-related procedures, and

handling fee which shall be determined by the

Transfusion Facility, are separate from the foregoing

basic service fees for the provision of whole blood and

blood components. These expenses shall be charged or

indicated on separate receipts.

4.4. Government and PNRC-Blood Service Facilities may set

lower rates provided they duly notify the Bureau of Health

Facilities and Services, Department of Health.

4.5. Non-replacement fee or Blood Bond for blood should not

be collected from the patient/relatives of the patient.

V. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

Violations according to RA 7719 (National Blood Services Act of 1994) Section 12. Penalties; and under the Implementing Rules and Regulations (Chapter X, Section 47. Penalties) states that, upon complaint of any person and after due notice and hearing, any blood bank/center which shall collect charges and fees greater than the maximum prescribed by the Department shall have its license suspended or revoked by the Secretary.

VI. REPEALING CLAUSE

This Order supersedes other previous related orders and issuances inconsistent with this Order.

VII. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE

This Order shall take effect immediately.

MANUEL M. DAYRIT, MD, MSc.
 Secretary of Health
Signed AO
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Young Image Course 2003 has been going on for 16 years in Cebu and was introduced in Manila for the first time in Manila last May 5 in partnership with SM Supermalls, The Philippine Daily Inquirer, Surplus Shop.

**YOUNG GRADUATES SEATED:** Solomon Lee, Julian Lao, Mikaela Fernandez, Carlo Macalino (Standing left) Nina Macalino, Rowane Fesalbon, Jacob Villanueva, Nica Rose Osete, Jessica Lao, not shown in picture is Begavio Luceres.**TEEN GRADUATES ARE SEATED:** Noriel Jura, Christine Fernandez, Jave Jumawan, back row seated: Katrina Sulit, Jamie Fernandez, Joanna May Reyes and Selina Cortez. Back row standing: John Edward Palma, Toni Rose Radovan, Arian Ventra, Brian Bendo, Kristin Alaine Chua and Stephen Fernandez, not shown in picture is Carlos Germar.

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Sunday BIZ

Execs avoid putting Ritz on expense list

LOS ANGELES—Putting on the Ritz does not look so good on a corporate expense account.

That is the word from Marriott International Inc., which owns the fabled Ritz-Carlton brand and is struggling with a problem of perception that is deepening the effects of the economic downturn on high-end hotels.

"Executives don't want to submit an expense voucher, which has got the obvious luxury hotel in it," Marriott chief financial officer Arne Sorenson told investors last month.

Rivals agreed

Conference planners in particular remain leery of a regal name, said Lanny Grossman, spokesman for the New York Palace hotel, which is owned by Brunei's royal family and has both high-end towers and suites for business travelers.

"Even if the rate is lower, it is all about image," he said.

There may be worse news for the contracting lodging industry, say analysts, who see luxury hotels lagging a general recovery.

"You are not going to have people going from not traveling to all of a sudden traveling first class and staying at five-star hotels," said Fulcrum Global Partners analyst Joe Greff, who recommends selling shares of Four Seasons Hotels Inc., one of the industry's highest valued stocks, with some of the highest room rates.

A spokeswoman for New York's Four Seasons said the chain's association with luxury was not hurting business.

EXECS/BS

What a difference a phone makes

By Ma. Diosa Labiste
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—Barangay Igcabugao, the farthest hinterland village from the town of Igaras, Iloilo, is no longer that remote after it got its hands on a mobile phone.

Igaras Mayor Jaime Esmeralda handed over a mobile phone to barangay chief Eulogio Ellama in March as part of the town's thrust to bring basic services closer to the remote villages.

Esmeralda told Ellama that he no longer has to trek down to the municipal hall if he has queries because he can easily send a text or SMS (short messaging system), or place a voice call.

Ellama admits he does not know how to operate a cellular phone but he was happy because he would be able to contact the mayor anytime.

But because Igcabugao has no electricity, Ellama has to hike 4 kilometers to an adjoining barangay of Passi just to be able to recharge the batteries of the official cellular phone of Igcabugao (pop. 486).

When he and other village officials are in the town market, they drop by the town hall to recharge batteries.

The town of Igaras, 40 km southwest of this city, would have wanted to connect all of its 45 barangays by landline telephone but they are too remote to be reached by the usual telephone.

The residents in the town are served by Isacom, which was bought out by Globe Telecom Inc.

The Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT) and Southern Iloilo Telephone Co. (Sitelco) have a calling

station each, catering to walk-in clients coming from the barangays.

Igaras is partly covered by Smart Telecommunications, Piltel Cellular Services and Globe Telecommunications.

Esmeralda said he chose Globe as provider for mobile phones in the barangays because of its reach.

Big impact

The cost of connecting the barangays to the town is borne by the taxpayers. The phones were bought or paid for by the municipal government but the barangays have to buy call cards.

Barely two months after the distribution of cellular phones, Esmeralda claimed that the connectivity has made quite an impact on the lives of the rural folk. It is now easier to contact barangay officials to attend meetings in town when before they can only be reached the traditional way—by sending a messenger on foot.

The mobile phone was also seen as a deterrent to cattle rustlers and petty criminals who operate in the rural areas because the barangay officials were able to swap information.

Esmeralda says barangay officials would be able to monitor the peace and order situation in their barangays and adjoining areas.

However when reporting a crime, the caller cannot send an SMS, only a voice call. The town's police force also installed a system of checking the authenticity of callers to screen pranksters.

The mobile phone also saves lives because residents in remote barangays



THE REMOTE village of Igcabugao suddenly finds itself in touch with the world.

PHOTO BY MA. DIOSA LABISTE

were able to call the town's health center for emergency cases.

They would request an ambulance if there were no vehicles available to take patients to hospitals, said Esmeralda, himself a medical doctor.

The mobile phone, often installed at the village's hall or in the house of a barangay leader, is also available to the public for a minimal fee. The mayor says overseas Filipino workers are now able to contact their families at home or send a text message when sending cash.

Linked to the world

"There is ownership of the technology because the residents in the baran-

gay benefit from it. Suddenly Igaras and its remote areas are linked to the world," says Esmeralda.

The town officials hope that the mobile phone would soon be able to help farmers improve trading of farm products by knowing the latest prices of garlic, peanut, mango, beans, corn and coconut that are the major crops in Igaras. Trading is generally controlled by middle agents who quote prices at will.

While Igaras is proud of its cell phone-savvy village officials, other rural areas have yet to make their first call or send SMS.

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Editor
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Seiko stars protest naked workshop /C2



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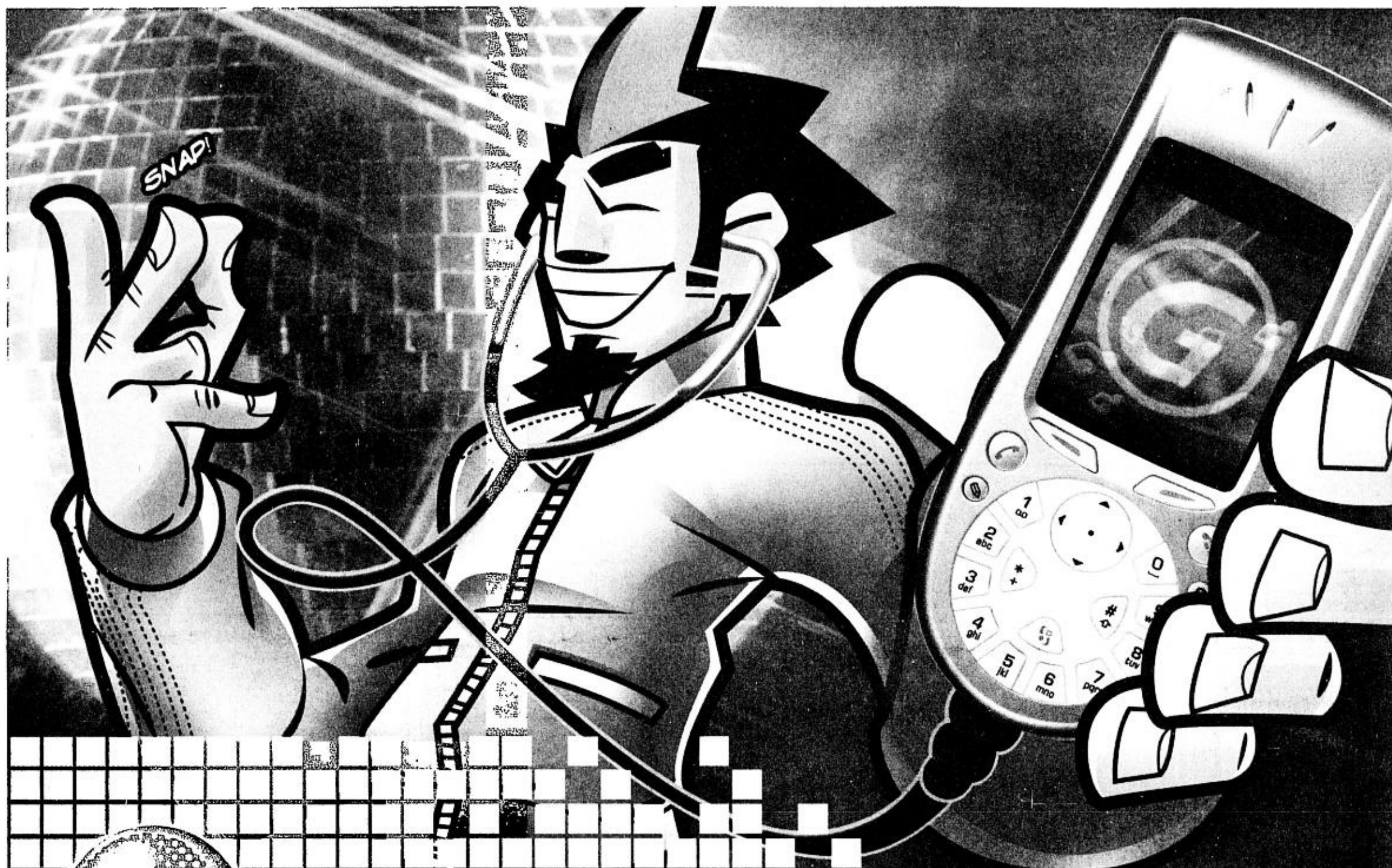
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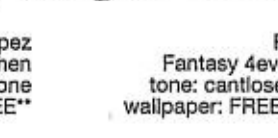
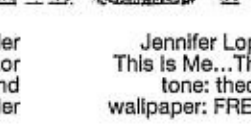
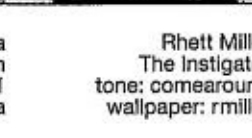
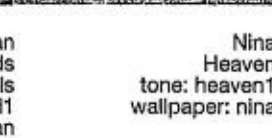
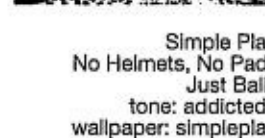
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ENTERTAINMENT

Seiko stars protest naked workshop

By Leah Salterio

STARS usually attend acting workshops before their movies start shooting. But what Diana Zubiri, Rodel Velayo, Christian Vazquez and Binibining Pilipinas 2003 candidate Anna Marie Falcon recently attended was different: They were all naked during the "workshop" that Seiko Films sent them to.

The stars did participate in the "nude workshop," but they are said to have complained after learning that

the proceedings had been videotaped, INQUIRER Entertainment learned.

A certain Benny from Seiko Films led the workshop.

When the stars questioned the nudity during the workshop, Seiko Films producer Robbie Tan told them the workshop was necessary so they would lose their inhibitions and be familiar with each other before shooting their new movie.

The workshop was held for four hours last Tuesday afternoon on the second floor of Chateau Aurora, a

restaurant owned by Tan's family along Tomas Morato in Quezon City.

The workshop was meant to prepare the stars for the filming of "Liberated," to be directed by Mac Alejandre.

Alejandre was reportedly surprised when he learned that the stars were naked during the workshop.

Diana is a contract star of Seiko Films, where her first movie was called "Itlog." Rodel is also a Seiko contract star.

Christian is best remembered as the Ilonggo guy in PLDT's "Suporta-han ta ka" commercial.



FALCON

Jolina shares blessings with poor children

By Marinel R. Cruz

JOLINA Magdangal says she still gets depressed and moved by the sight of impoverished and abandoned children.

"I always get teary eyed whenever I see poor, malnourished children," she told INQUIRER Entertainment. "My heart goes out especially to children who are terminally ill."

Which is a good thing, because Jolina is spokesperson and endorser of Children's Hour for three years now. Children's Hour is a fund-raising campaign that encourages Filipinos to donate the cash equivalent of an hour of their earnings for the benefit of children in poor communities nationwide.

Jolina has also put up her own charitable institution for poor children and called it Jolina's Little Angels. "I've been blessed with a



CHILD FRIENDLY Jolina Magdangal is Children's Hour endorser for third straight year.

successful show biz career, I just want to share my blessings," she said.

Last May 20, Jolina was a guest performer when Children's Hour awarded grants to 27 beneficiaries at Onstage Theater in Greenbelt, Makati City. Former President Corazon Aquino, the foundation's honorary chair, was the guest of honor.

Ms Aquino said that since August 2002, Children's Hour has raised more than P32 million in cash and services from about 400 individuals and 147,000 employees from 388 institutions and companies in Metro Manila, Cebu, Western Visayas, Davao, Pampanga and Baguio.

"Your contributions have greatly improved the lives of thousands of Filipino children," Ms Aquino said. "But my appeal for your support does not end here. There are still a lot of work to be done."

She said the country still has more than 4 million child laborers, about 100,000 underage child sex traders, and 2.5 million children with very limited access to basic commodities.



CHILDREN'S HOUR chair Zobel (left) joins Dr. Rodolfo J. Soriano Jr. of Integral Development Services Phils.; INQUIRER's Celine Madamba, president of Make-A-Wish Foundation Phils.; Ms Aquino; Tone Midgaard, Mama's Hope Haven of Norway; Dr. Alicia Lim, Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center; Children's Hour vice chair Gina L. Lopez, and executive director Evangeline T. Mayuga.

PHOTOS BY JIM GUANO FUNZALAN

"I believe that if working people throughout the world gave their earnings of just one hour, we can affect in a positive and permanent way the lives of millions of young people," she said.

Providing access

Twenty-seven nationwide organizations were awarded the grants, according to Mario Deriquito, director of the Center for Social Development of the Ayala Foundation.

Deriquito said the beneficiaries were selected by the project selection committee headed by its chair, Dr. Patricia B. Licuanan.

"They will directly and visibly promote children's rights and provide disadvantaged Filipino children with access to education, health and nutrition, and other basic services including shelter and rehabilitation for those with physical or emotional trauma," said Deriquito.

Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala III, chair of Children's Hour, and Gina Lopez, vice chair of its steering committee, were also present to award the grants to the beneficiaries.

Jolina sang with the children of the SOS Children's Village in the show hosted by Edu Manzano.

In 2000, Zobel wrote Jolina requesting her to endorse the foundation.

The Children's Hour campaign on its first year with Jolina as endorser was said to be so successful that the steering committee decided to extend Jolina's one-year contract.

Paycheck portion

According to Jolina's father, Jun Magdan-



SONG OF GRATITUDE is sung by Jolina, with the kids of SOS Children's Village Philippines.

gal, who is also her manager, the foundation raised more than P40 million during Jolina's first year as endorser.

Jolina, 24, said she started donating a part of her earnings to charitable institutions, like the Lingkod Bayan Foundation, when she was 15.

"I was still part of 'Ang TV' on ABS-CBN then," Jolina shared. "I would take a certain percent off my paycheck to donate to charity."

Now that Jolina is a part of GMA 7, ABS-CBN's rival channel, she says she is also supporting the cause of its Kapuso Foundation, which is engaged in various projects that benefit poor families, prisoners and ex-prisoners, as well as children of GMA employees.

Children from the Create Responsible Infants By Sharing (Cribis) and the SOS Children's Village performed the opening number during the Children's Hour program at Onstage.

Marvin gives mom lot in Punta Fuego

MARVIN Agustin laughs when asked if his "romance" with his former love team partner Jolina Magdangal had been rekindled.

While Marvin admits he and Jolina went out for coffee two weeks ago, he insists it was a spur-of-the-moment decision made when he spotted Jolina's Roadtrek van on Edsa.

"I was on my way to the gym at ABS-CBN when I saw her car, so I called her up on her cell phone," Marvin shares. "She told me she was going to GMA 7. We were making *kuwento* on the phone, and Jolina said, 'Why don't we have coffee?' We went to Figaro near ABS-CBN where we exchanged stories and did some catching up."

Although it will probably take a long time before fans see them together again in a movie, especially now that the young stars belong to rival networks, Marvin and Jolina have remained friends. Both their careers are on the upswing.

After his acclaimed turn in Chito Roño's "Dekada '70," which was an entry in last December's Metro Manila Film Festival, Marvin is starring with Ai-Ai de las Alas in Star Cinema's "Ang Tangling Ina." He is also in Marilou Diaz-Abaya's remake of her own "Moral."

Marvin, now 24, put up his own businesses starting when he was only 20. He is the president of the family-owned Sixth Sense Food Corp., which runs a Mister

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

Donut outlet in Salcedo Village in Makati and a food stall at the SM Fairview Food Court. The company is named after the M. Night Shyamalan movie starring Bruce Willis, according to Marvin.

"I've experienced not having money in my pocket and I don't want that to happen again," Marvin says. "When I was in high school at St. Rita College in Sucat, I had to collect softdrink bottle deposits so I'd have fare going home to Muntinlupa."

"Before I joined show biz, I did all sorts of jobs. I was a waiter at Tia Maria's, an attendant at ACA Video and even a Captain Shakey's mascot."

Settling down is far from Marvin's mind now, refuting the rumor that he is living in with a girl who is not from show biz. In his condo unit in Wack-Wack, Marvin lives with only a maid and a driver.

"I want to be financially stable so that when I get married, I can support my family," he says. "I want a happy and perfect family. If I get married now, I

DREAMS FIRST: Marvin wants to be financially stable before he gets married.

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MANNY VALERA

The talent manager as god

By Nini Valera

MANNY Valera plays god.

It's a role few mortals get to play, but Valera, 45, is no mere mortal. He's talent manager to big stars, would-be stars and veteran thespians who might be past their prime but are still big with talent.

For playing god, Valera gets as much as a 30 percent cut of his talents' fees. He also gets to shell out cash to pay for his talents' light bills, phone bills, gasoline bills if they're in dire straits, and for voice lessons, acting lessons, speech lessons, and photo sessions if they're just starting out.

But he gets to call the shots on the career moves of emerging star and actress Alessandra de Rossi and about 20 other show biz denizens, including boy bands, dance groups, and models.

"The manager is actually very powerful, especially if you have a hot star," says Valera. "The projects fall on your lap. Or you can insist on a material that you want and the producer would develop the project for your star. You approve the leading man, the director, the shooting schedule."

His first major production as god was Maricel Soriano, whom he transformed from rough stone to polished gem. The process took 18 years, with a few falling outs in between, and a final split a few years ago. But the result is an enduring actress in Soriano and a staunch friendship that went beyond the talent-manager partnership for Valera.

Soriano is now being managed by Wyngard Tracy.

Jealousy

"We split because it was time to split," says Valera of his breakup with Soriano. "We became too familiar with each other."

But he admits that, among other things, Assunta de Rossi was partly to blame.

"She (Soriano) was a bit jealous of (Assunta), but the bottom line is we became too familiar with each other. But we're still friends, we're okay. We did 'Mano Po' together."

But unlike his breakup with Soriano, his split with De Rossi was bloody and heartbreaking for Valera, who's usually cool and matter of fact.

"I stuck to my guns," he says of the Assunta affair. "I labored for her. And when she just fell in love, she wanted to go. So where's the sense of fairness there? It's like I invested in a product and when that product was already saleable in the market, it was being taken away from me."

"But after the case, I'm fine. I was settled already and I'm okay. I went on. I can be passionate about my talents, but I can also let go."

The price for letting go of De Rossi was P4 million, but Valera did not laugh all the way to the bank. Nor did he cry.

"If you have been a talent manager for a long time, after (managing) Maricel Soriano, you're already a veteran," he says. "You're already toughened. After 18 years with her, I should be strong enough to survive disloyal talents or whatever."

Just how powerful Valera can be is eclipsed only by how determined he is. For six years and at the risk of losing Soriano, Valera had to beg producers to give De Rossi a break.

"I believed in her talent," he says. "I believed she could go beyond sexy parts and become a credible actress. I was proven right, because for her third movie (Joel Lamangan's 'Hubog'), she bagged two best actress awards."

First 2 seconds

But the god in Valera could also be wrong. "I already gave up on someone after a year or two," he says of a talent. "I knew that he would not go anywhere. He could not deliver. He was committed, but his talent was lacking."

There is such a thing as a secondary talent, which the poor boy did not have, and the feel of the first two seconds, the lack of which Valera tried to ignore, he admits.

"I could tell during the first two seconds if I like the talent and if he's got something to show and if he would go far and become a lead actor. In the case of this talent, a singer, all he could do was sing. He could not act, he could not host. There was no fallback."

He cites the case of Calvin Millado, who has crossed over from pop to television hosting to theater.

"What I want is for a talent to sustain himself in the business, to earn more than he would in an office job, and to fulfill his passion in the business," says Valera.

But the god in Valera does not have limitless powers. He does not meddle in his talents' finances, but he advises them to buy a car or a townhouse if he sees their income rising. He does not pry into their love life, but listens to their heartaches. He is more concerned about their costumes, their dancing partners, their next project.

But he encourages them to be friends with him, and occasionally invites them to go out with him for a meal.

"I like going out with Zoren Legaspi and Ynez Veneracion, even without business deals," he says.

Even if he prefers to keep a professional



distance between them and himself, Valera's loyalty to his talents and his passion to make them succeed are without boundaries.

"When you push a talent, you feel a lot of pain, a lot of rejection," he says. "I absorb all that. I shield them from that. It's difficult, especially if the talent is unproven. I have to beg, and up to now, I am still begging for my other talents. I don't feel so big that I won't beg anymore for a talent. If I have to kiss ass, I would kiss ass. That's part of the game of being god."

EXES. After 18 years of managing Maricel Soriano, Valera says he is now a tough veteran.



BEGGAR AND BELIEVER is Valera's role for his talents, like Alessandra de Rossi and her elder sister Assunta, who also used to be his talent. With them are the girls' mom Nenita.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Former shy girl tries to change the Filipina mind-set

By Margaux C. Ortiz

SHE WAS chosen from a handful of hopefuls as the next big thing on a TV channel, but Amanda Griffin insists that she's the shyest VJ around.

When asked what sets her apart from the other video jockeys, the newest face on Channel V answers with her trademark sweet smile, "I'm not extremely extroverted. I'm more of a listener than a talker."

Funny, because the 23-year-old juggles hosting jobs that require a lot of self-assurance and eloquence, including stints on Channel V and hosting "F" with Angel Aquino and Daphne Oseña.

"I guess I can do something well when I put my heart and mind into it," VJ Amanda says. "I'm just really lucky I've been given these opportunities to better myself and boost my confidence especially in the hosting arena."

Amanda shares that her life has been a series of lucky, serendipitous breaks. When she was 19, she moved to the Philippines to pursue a modeling career. She ended up joining a small local music chan-

nel which eventually merged with Channel V. The half-English, half-Filipino, Australian-bred lass became popular in the country as the pretty VJ Amanda of Channel V Philippines.

"When I was growing up, I never saw myself as someone who would talk nonstop in front of hundreds of people," says Amanda, who took up advertising at the Bond University in the Gold Coast. "My eight months with Channel V Philippines was spent trying to watch and criticize myself so I could be better."

After a short while, however, Channel V Philippines folded up and the model-turned-VJ found herself uncovering her entrepreneurial side. She noticed a hole in the local swimwear market: No one was importing swimsuits from Australia.

"Swimming is such a big deal in Australia, it is even the country's national sport," she says. "So you could just imagine the time and effort companies in Australia spend on developing their swimsuits."

Ex-heavyweight

Amanda and her best friend Isabel Engwa conceptualized a line of swimwear, and Tabu was born—and opened shop in December 2001.

"Tabu is Spanish for taboo," explains Amanda, who says she wishes to eventually change the "beach loving but t-shirt wearing" Filipina.

"It would be such a waste if Filipinos would continue covering themselves up when they go swimming," she says. "Their bodies have such great potential if they would just show a little more skin."

Amanda says with a grin that few people know she was 40 pounds overweight when she was 17. She finds it amusing to think that she would someday create and endorse swimwear for a living.

"Now, I have to watch my weight so I could be more credible, which is a really hard thing

to do because I love to eat," she laughs. She also hosts the food segment on "F."

Amanda says that since Tabu was doing well, she wasn't expecting two big breaks would knock at her door. First is her present stint on "F" where she replaced Cher Calvin who left for a new job in the US.

Second is her return on music television as VJ Amanda.

Still learning

She says her agent called her up last November and convinced her to audition for a VJ hunt. Channel V was looking for VJs from China, Thailand, Malaysia and the Philippines. She auditioned on the last day. And she got the job.

"I can't believe I'm back on Channel V," she says. "Although I have more experience with hosting now than the first time I joined them three years ago, it's still an ongoing learning process for me. I still have a lot to go through."

Amanda is seen regularly on V's "The Year That Was," "One Hit Wonder," and "Smash Hits." She also alternates with her fellow VJs Cindy Burbridge, Sarah Tan and Paula Malai Ali in hosting "Remote Control."

Because she flies to Malaysia once a month and works for a week on her Channel V segments, prepares and tapes for "F" and acts as the marketing and public relations head of Tabu, Amanda barely has time for a social life. But no regrets, she says. After all, she is lucky enough to do all the things she likes and has always dreamed of doing.

So what's next on her to-conquer list?

"A bar and restaurant, of course," the VJ answers. "I think that's on everyone's list of dream ventures."



NONSTOP VJ Amanda is also a businesswoman, co-host of "F" and weight watcher.

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The show, one of the highlights of the Magayon Festival in Albay, will be held at the Peñaranda Park. The festival showcases Albay's rich cultural heritage, historical attractions, cuisine, and industries.

Before the grand show, Aga and Charlene will formally open Touch Mobile's month-long sales blitz at the Pacific Mall at 3 p.m.

Also at the Pacific Mall, Arnel, One-mig, Paolo, and Keempee will sign autographs at the Touch Mobile sales blitz and Telecoms Lane, 2-3 p.m.

All celebrity guests will later join Touch Mobile's festival parade that will also feature a brass band, street dancing, carnival jesters, acrobats, jugglers and fire eaters. Capping the activities is the grand show at 7 p.m.

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NORA at the Big Dome.

Nora Aunor's 'Gold' concert on ABS-CBN

ABS-CBN airs Superstar Nora Aunor's birthday concert "Gold" tonight on Sunday Family Cinema.

Marking Nora's 50th birthday, "Gold" was a sold-out show at the Araneta Coliseum.

On the top-rating daily soap opera "Bituin" on the same channel, Nora has a final get-together with her "Bituin" daughters Desiree del Valle and Carol Banawa during the same weekend when the teleserye ends.

In "Gold," Nora sings duets with diva Zsa Zsa Padilla and Wency Cornejo.

SHOW TIME

"Gold" also celebrates Nora's cinematic achievements with clips from the classics "Himala," "Minsan May Isang Gamu-Gamu," "The Flor Contemplacion Story," "Sidhi," "Atsay," "Tatlong Taong Walang Diyos," "Bona," "Tinik sa Dibdib," and others.

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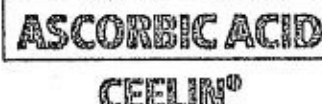
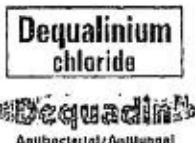
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Marvin gives mom lot in Punta Fuego

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can't fulfill my dreams."

Marvin makes it a point to visit his mom and siblings in the family house in Fairview. His two sisters help him manage his food business.

Last May 8, Mother's Day, Marvin gifted his mom with a lot in the exclusive Punta Fuego, Batangas, where they plan to build a beach house.

"That has been the dream of my mom," Marvin says. "I want to make it come true."

Chaning's last

FRIENDS and admirers of the late film director Chaning Carlos will see him on screen for the last time in Jose Javier Reyes' "Anghel sa Lupa," where Chaning played the role of a dying grandfather.

It was Chaning who gave the break to Joey Reyes, who was then a budding scriptwriter.

Chaning died of broncho-pneumonia in Los Angeles last November. He was 77.

When he retired from film directing, Chaning started acting before the cameras. He was the deaf grandfather in the now-defunct ABS-CBN sitcom "Attagirl," which Reyes also directed.

In movies, Chaning also played lolo who saw his apo killing himself by hanging in Erik Matti's "Scorpio Nights 2." He was the bedridden friend of Dolphy's character in Gil Portes' "Markova, Comfort Gay" and the sick father of Jomari Yllana in Joel Lamangan's "Warat."

In "Warat," Chaning died and his last scene had his soul going up to heaven.

Wholesome image

GLENDa Garcia is proud that after 14 years in show biz, she has maintained a



GARCIA

wholesome image without going sexy.

She has played character roles, most memorable of which was as the scheming Leona in the now-defunct afternoon serial, "Valiente." But at 33, she hasn't done a kissing scene at all.

She is thankful that even the movie roles she gets do not require her to show skin. In Ronnie Ricketts' "Dayo," she plays Jeffrey Santos' girlfriend who becomes a victim of white slavery.

"It's by choice that I refuse to take sexy roles or do kissing scenes," says Glenda.

The younger sister of actress Melissa Mendez is happy with her personal life, which she has managed to keep from rumor-mongers and the curious public eye.

"There are mornings when you

wake up and you just find yourself sad, but it's how to live through that day that's important," Glenda maintains. "It's how you look at life."

She sees herself getting married one day with her boyfriend of four years, who is not from show biz.

"I believe I'm a wife material," Glenda says.

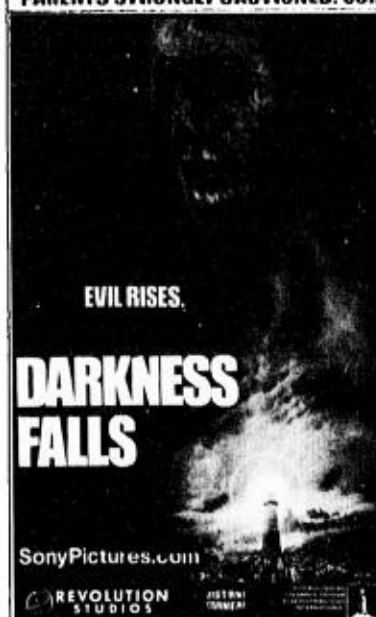
She says she will not really give up acting.

"I may not keep doing it as a full-time job, but I really love to act," she says. "I used to go with Ate Melissa in her shootings and tapings, but I never imagined I would be in the movies myself. When I tried acting, I was hooked."

Glenda was recently seen as Eula Valdez's fellow prison inmate on ABS-CBN's "Darating ang Umaga," which stars Vina Morales and Ian Veneracion.

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When pride masquerades as insecurity

OTHER interesting examples of stage fright are provided by the terrified stars themselves, in their written accounts of their lives in the theater:

Allison Smith, the star of "Annie," observes, "Anxiety can attack unexpectedly, usually when some extraneous occurrence breaks an actor's concentration."

The presence of certain people in the audience can cause it. Smith shares that she gets scared "only if important people—like my mother's friends, or my brother's bosses—are out front."

We agree. When we used to act in school plays, we were very nervous when we knew that our folks were watching. This went double for our sister Margie when she was performing. One time, when our parents went to see one of her school performances, she nervously begged them to leave.

It got so that our folks were tempted to put on wigs, costumes and eyeglasses themselves so they could pretend to be other people and watch Margie perform without freaking her out!

A mere thought can also trigger stage fright, as Paul Rogers, co-starring in "The Dresser," learned when he appeared at the Old Vic as King Lear.

Rogers recalls that he was calmly waiting in the wings for his first entrance when a thought suddenly flashed across his mind: "This is probably the greatest part you'll ever get to play in your whole life as an actor." And there ensued an onslaught of nerves from which he did not recover until much later in the play by which time Kenneth Tynan, the critic, had concluded that this production was "a Lear without a King!"

For her part, Colleen Dewhurst remembered an episode when her nervousness resulted in burst of uncontrollable giggles. During a performance of Edward Albee's "The Ballad of the Sad Café," she dropped a ring she was supposed to give to a fellow actor. The ring rolled off the stage to a man in the front row. As Dewhurst saw her colleague freeze with fright, she lay down on the stage and screamed with laughter. The lights had to be dimmed until she could pull herself together.

Nor has Delores Hall, a powerful singer, forgotten the day when she discovered onstage that a change in the weather had put a frog in her throat. Until she cleared it and found her voice again, she says, "I skipped a page in my life!"

Some actors believe the cure for stage fright is experience. Mike Burstyn says that, with time, he has developed the self-confidence to believe that he is a master of his craft.

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Nestor U. Torre



"I once thought I would die onstage if I was less than perfect," he shares, "but now I'm not so afraid of judgment."

Similarly, Farley Granger reveals that he used to worry when he thought that he had to be perfect. "But actors impose on themselves demands that are unrealistic," he says, "and once you realize that you can never be perfect, that nothing is perfect, then there's no need to fear!"

Our thoughts, exactly. Stage fright often comes, not from insecurity and humility, but from the perfectionist actor's pride. It's nice to see that the likes of Farley Granger agrees...

Intriguing premise

CAN two seemingly incompatible people learn to love each other? That's the intriguing premise of the new Christopher de Leon-Regine Velasquez starrer, "Pangarap Ko ang Ibigin Ka," written by Mel Mendoza-del Rosario and directed by first-timer Louie Ignacio.

In the romantic-comedy production, Regine plays Alex, a woman who runs a store and coffee shop. She has a handsome boyfriend (Dingdong Dantes), but he doesn't thrill her. She wants to find a love that will last a lifetime, and she senses that he isn't it.

Instead, she finds "it" in Christopher's character, Raffy. Trouble is, she meets him at the worst possible time for romance to bloom: at the wake for his wife, who was killed in a car crash. Raffy is definitely in no mood to fall in love again, so what is Alex to do?

In addition to the recent tragedy in Raffy's life, he and Alex appear to be utterly mismatched: He sets up a computer system for business firms; she sells old things in her cluttered shop. His diet is lean; she eats anything—the richer, the better. He lives in an upscale condo; she lives with her family in an old house.

So, is there any hope for these ill-starred would-be lovers? And, why would any single woman in full possession of her senses want to replace dishy Dingdong Dantes with anybody else?

But please remember that this is a romantic comedy, and in that fanciful film format, even the most unlikely denouements are just a matter of time!

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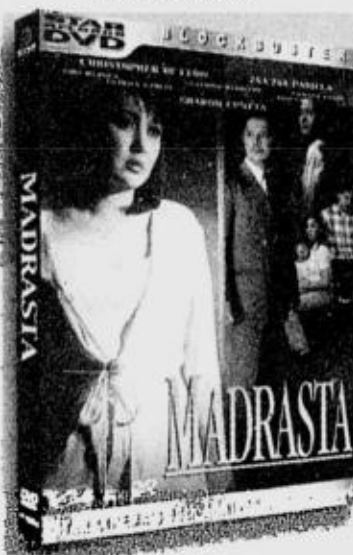
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RCBC Makati campus offers MBA-Law dual-degree program

Text by Jam Alindogan
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THE FAR Eastern University Institute of Law and De La Salle University have announced they will soon offer the new Master of Business Administration-Juris Doctor dual-degree program on the RCBC campus in Makati City.

"Law and business are interrelated," explained Dean Andy Bautista of the FEU Institute of Law. "The skills you need to excel are

the same. As a lawyer, you are tasked to render reports that are usually related to business. La Salle provides the business education, while FEU provides the law component."

While other graduate schools require MBA applicants to have at least three years of full-time working experience, the MBA-JD program has waived that prerequisite.

However, the entrance requirements remain stringent. Applicants have to pass an entrance exam, an essay exam and a final interview.

The MBA-JD program follows the Stanford model, after Stanford University, which is composed of two colleges offering joint courses. It brings together two major universities, one sectarian (DLSU) and the other non-sectarian (FEU).

Because pre-approved courses taken in either school are transferrable between the two degrees, completing the dual-degree program takes up only five years, one year shorter than when completing both degrees independently.

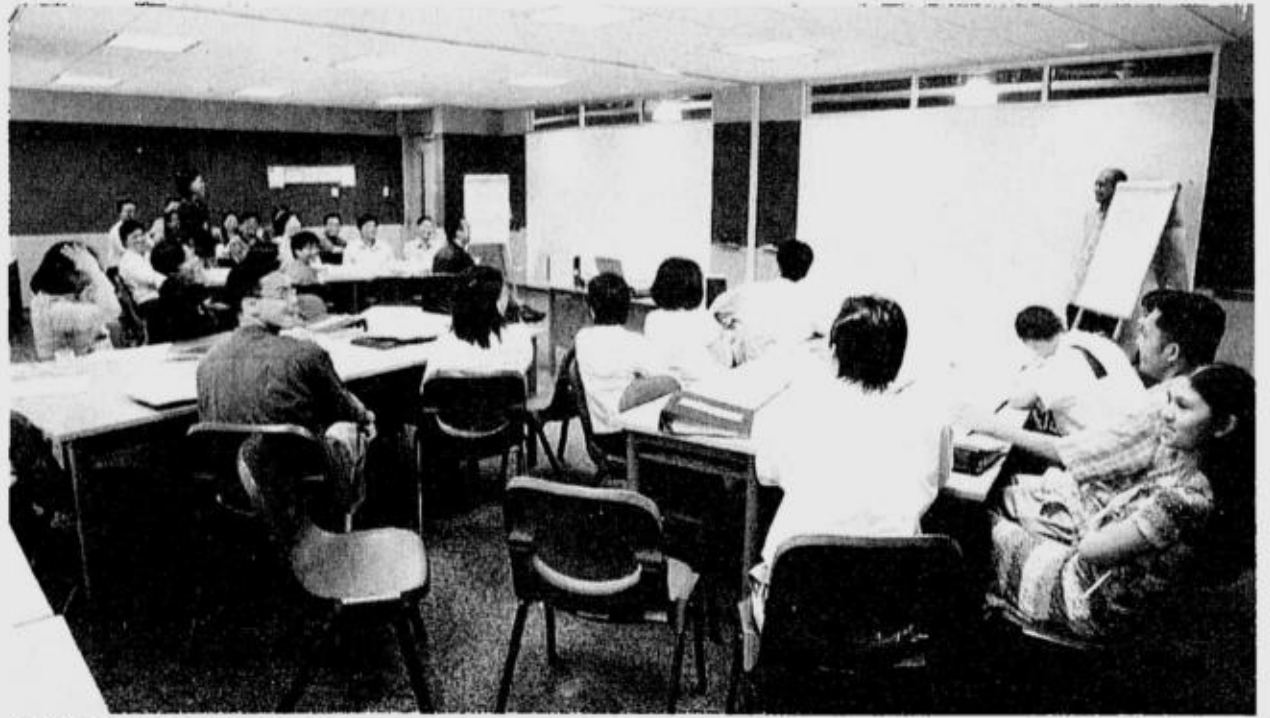
Students of the dual-degree program will be given IDs and provided access to the facilities of both schools.

The program has attracted a distinguished roster of professors and lecturers. Former senator and defense secretary Orlando Mercado will teach business and governance.

Nick Fontanilla, president of Asia Pacific Center for Research (Acre), will teach strategic management, and Rex Mendoza, CEO of Philam Asset Management Inc., will lecture on reinventing business through digital technology.

International professors like Akira Tsusaka, formerly with the World Bank and Asian Development Bank, will discuss international business subjects.

Graduates of the MBA-JD program are expected to have a wide range of career options to pursue due to their multi-skilled training. They can focus on corporate law, or work with



JOINT VENTURE. The MBA-JD program follows the Stanford model.

government agencies dealing with commerce and industry such as the BOI and SEC.

They can also work as business policy advisors, tax experts, or lawyers specializing in economic and business-related litigations.

The MBA-JD will still offer traditional courses such as marketing, finance and human resources, but new international business courses will also be introduced.

"We are becoming globally competitive citizens," said Pia Manalastas, vice dean of the DLSU Graduate School of Business. "We have to be effective in the international arena. This dual-degree program offers that."

Scholarships are also available under the program, with night classes being scheduled to accommodate working students.

Ideally, only 64 students will be taken in, divided into two sections. However, almost 300 persons have attended the three briefing sessions held on the RCBC campus so far.

The final exam is scheduled on May 24, and trimestral classes will start June 9.

The RCBC campus is equipped with 14 state-of-the-art classrooms and an extensive library on law and management.

Other courses being planned include an



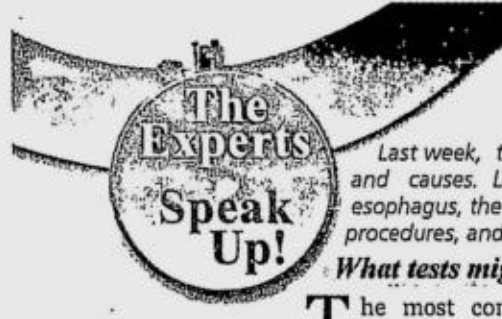
MBA in Arts and Culture, for artists who intend to make a career out of their skills; MBA in Business Journalism, to help broadcast journalists build their portfolio in business-related news; and short-term training courses such as business communications and accounting for non-accountants, which will run under the soon-to-be-opened Professional Development Center.

STATE-OF-THE-ART classroom, just one of 14 at RCBC in Makati's central business district.

Those interested in the MBA-JD program may call Pia Manalastas at 753-4611.



DLSU MBA vice dean Pia Manalastas and FEU Institute of Law dean Andy Bautista



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Simple Sore throat or Laryngopharyngeal Reflux (LPR)?

(Last of two parts)

Last week, the laryngeal condition LPR was discussed - its definition, indications, and causes. LPR is basically the back flow of food or stomach acid into the esophagus, the larynx and the throat. Today's article talks about the LPR treatment procedures, and the ways of avoiding the dreaded disorder.

What tests might my doctor order?

The most common tests for LPR are Transnasal Flexible Endoscopic Naso-Laryngoscopy, 24-hour double-probe pH monitoring (pH testing), a Barium swallow, and/or an Esophagoscopy.

pH-testing is a special overnight test that takes about 24 hours to complete. People are not usually admitted to the hospital for this test. pH-testing is used to measure acid in your esophagus and throat. Some people find this painless test annoying. A small, soft flexible tube is placed through your nose, and it stays in your throat overnight. The tube, called a pH probe, is connected to a small computer box that you wear around your waist. It measures acid in your throat and esophagus. pH-testing is the best test for LPR, and it can help your doctor determine the best treatment for you.

The modified barium swallow (MBS) is an x-ray test in which you must swallow a chalky material that can be identified on the x-ray. This test allows the doctor to evaluate how you swallow and shows if there is a narrowing or other abnormality of the throat or esophagus. It is a good test to evaluate the entire swallowing mechanism.

Esophagoscopy is a direct visual examination of the esophagus in which a flexible telescope is used to evaluate any abnormalities of the larynx, esophagus, and upper portion of the stomach. It is a good test to evaluate inflammatory changes.

How is LPR treated?

Treatment for LPR should be individualized. Your ENT doctor will suggest the best treatment for you. Generally, there are several treatments for LPR:

- Changing lifestyle and dietary habits to reduce reflux
- Medications to reduce stomach acids, inflammation, and infection of the throat
- Surgery to prevent reflux
- Surgery of vocal folds due to reflux

Most people with LPR need to modify how and when they eat, as well as take some medication to get well. The most recommended oral treatment is the use of PPI (Proton Pump Inhibitor) and antacids. PPI and antacids should be taken one hour before meals two times a day for three months. The use of motility drugs is also recommended. For people who have LPR symptoms, chewing gum, especially bicarbonate gum, after meals may be very helpful. Gargling an antiseptic mouthwash may help prevent complications and reduce sore throat infections. Your doctor will usually prescribe medications that reduce stomach acid.

Aids to treat LPR:

- Reduce weight.
- Increase liquid-intake especially when taking medicines that dry mucous membranes.
- Avoid throat clearing. Swallow instead and take clear, purified water.
- Take plenty of purified water (distilled, mineralized).
- Inform your ENT doctor of the medicines or drugs you are currently taking.
- Consult your ENT doctor for PPI, antacids, antibiotics, mucolytic and throat inflammation treatments.

Tips to avoid LPR:

- Control your lifestyle and your diet
- If you are using tobacco, QUIT. Smoking makes you reflux.
- Do not wear clothing that is too tight especially around the waist.
- Do not eat within three hours of bedtime. Also, do not lie down just after eating.
- Avoid late-night eating.
- Have a low-fat diet. Limit your intake of red meat and butter. Avoid fried foods, chocolate, cheese, and eggs.
- Avoid coffee, tea, acidic juices, menthols, spicy foods, and carbonated drinks (soda pops).
- Avoid alcoholic beverages, particularly in the evening.
- Consult your ENT specialist if you feel you have these irritating symptoms of LPR.
- Regularly gargle with an antiseptic mouthwash. This helps prevent sore throat and further inflammation of the larynx.

Will I need LPR treatment forever?

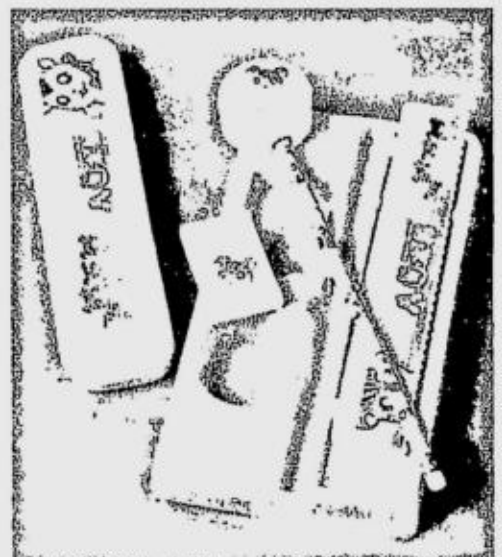
Duration of treatment varies from person to person. Most patients with LPR require treatment some of the time. There are few people who do need treatment all the time. People recover completely for months or years, and then experience a relapse. This is because LPR is a chronic-intermittent disease. With treatment, LPR does not usually cause serious medical problems, but without treatment, LPR can be serious, even dangerous.

For people with severe LPR or people who cannot take reflux medicine, anti-reflux surgery (to restore a new and better stomach valve) may be recommended. People who have this usually get good relief from LPR for many years.

Back-to-school shopping tips

IT will be back-to-school soon, so Robinsons Department Store (RDS) offers this shopping guide to help you prepare early for the coming school year:

- Make a list and bring it with you when you shop. It will help avoid unnecessary purchases. Buy some of what you need when you have the time or when you come across a good bargain. Check out RDS' newly opened stationery department.
- Go to the stores early. It gives you enough time to look carefully at items before buying.
- Invest on items which are most often used (and abused) like bags, shoes, lunchboxes and uniforms. At RDS, there are high-quality and durable school products that will see your kid through the school year.
- Make sure the kids fit uniforms and shoes before you buy them. This will save you from going back to the store if the fit is not right.
- Check out back-to-school special offers and sale promotions. For the back-to-school season, RDS is holding a "Shoes and Bags Festival" until May 31 with up to 50 percent discount on selected items. And with a minimum purchase of P200 in the shoes and bags department, you get a chance to win 85 STI power pack computer course certificates and 85



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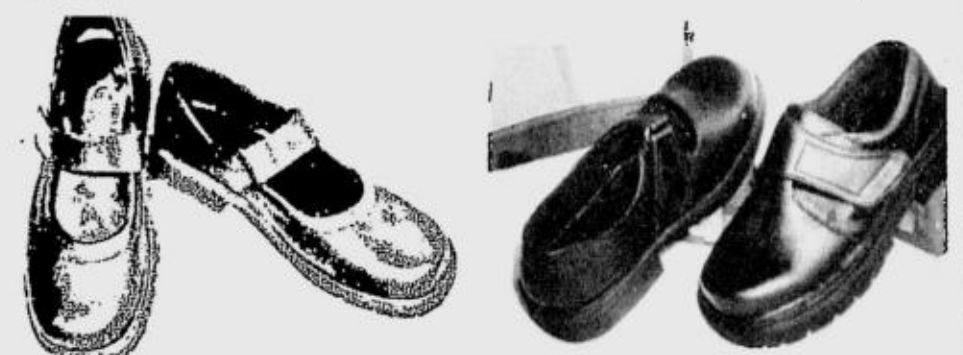
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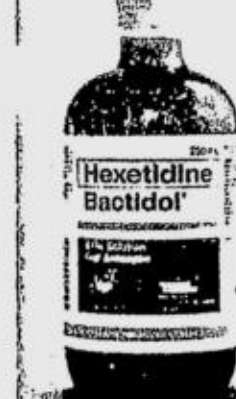
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Donita's beauty shines from within, all the time

1. What's the very first thing you do when you get up in the morning?

Drinking as much water as I can. And depending on the day of the week, like Tuesday and Thursday, I brush my teeth and run off to the gym then come back and get ready for work. If it is not, then normally do my quiet time which is like read the bible and say a little prayer then, go to work. I do not normally eat breakfast but I usually get coffee.

2. What's the first thing you zone in on when you face the mirror?

My eyebrows. I have to make sure my eyebrows are plucked and then second would be my pimples.

3. What's your morning beauty routine?

I do not really have one but normally after a really good shower use washcloth and I scrub all over and make sure put moisturizer on my face and sun block.

4. What's your 24-hour day like?

For me, no day is alike. Everyday is different. Like Monday, I am normally here in Manila and work all day long then at 6 p.m., I travel back to Singapore and then I do some research for MTV. The following morning, Tuesday I go to the gym at 7:30 a.m. I jog from the house to the gym, then I do studio from 9 a.m. until about 1:30 p.m. or if not, until about 6:30 p.m. and from there, normally I try to spend time with Eric by watching a movie or just staying home but unfortunately the past couple of months we have been preparing for the wedding so we have no time to do that. Wednesday is supposed to be my free day but it is actually the busiest day of the week for me. I get up in the morning and go to my Pastor's house and I meet with the wife, at 10 to 2:30 from there I take a cab and go to work and do audio at 1 p.m. I go to lunch with Eric until 2 p.m. then do audio again and from there I try to get my nails done or I ran errands or pay bills get groceries and stuff and I go back by 4 p.m. and prepare in the evening. I have cell group in my house and also I try to get some research done for MTV and work on the wedding. Clean the house, prepare for the evening, cook and then everybody comes in around 7:30 - 8 p.m. for cell group and finish around 11:30 p.m. Clean the house until 12:20 a.m. to 1 a.m. then in the morning I go to the gym again at around 7:30 a.m. then go to work and from there sometimes I fly back to Manila at 4:45 or if not, the rest of the day is dedicated to packing and getting ready for my trip to Manila. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday is of course my schedule in Manila, which is of course very different.

5. What's in your kikay kit?

I do not really have a kikay kit that I have the same products all the time. Tweezers, blush, brush, lip gloss, lip liner, eye brow pencil, hair spray, lotion, essential oil, a little inhaler (motion sickness and migraine).

6. What beauty product can't you live without?

Chap stick or tweezers?

7. Do you think 24-hour beauty is important?

I do not think outward appearance is as important as inner beauty. If you are at peace and content with yourself, you do not need to concentrate on the external although I do like to maintain myself neat like having my

nails done once a week and go to derma.

8. You have great hair, what beauty product do you use to keep your hair beautiful all day?

Syempre.. Lux super rich with 24 hour moisture silk. Pwede mong gamitin yan.

9. How important it is for you to have great hair?

Well, I think hair is the most important accessory on your body. I am not too maarte about anything than my hair and my skin because you need to look presentable para kahet walang make-up, maganda ang hair mo at malinis ang face mo.

10. What's your nightly beauty regimen?

I just make sure my make up is removed from my face. Just use facial cleanser, make up remover, facial soap, toner and maybe a little moisturizer but not on my forehead.

11. I can't go to sleep without _____?

Reading my Bible.

12. I love my (name part of your body)?

Neck. Think that is the sexiest part of my body.

13. 24-hour beauty, is this possible?

I think it only comes from a certain countenance and radiance that shines from within. On the other hand, if you are radiant and you do not maintain yourself well, of course, you would not be getting attention from a lot of people. So, I would have to stay it is a balance of both. Make sure your ultimate beauty product is your countenance and the rest would be maintenance.

14. What do you love about being a girl?

The fact that we have certain power over men that helps us get away with things. Of course, being a woman you get to bear children that I guess it is a very beautiful thing although painful.

15. What's your fashion no-no?

Chunky boots, shoulder pads, over-plucked or under plucked eyebrows.

16. What's your greatest fashion find?

Low-waist jeans.

17. Tell me honestly, have you every used your beauty to get your way?

All the time (hehehe)

18. What do you think is the very first thing guys notice about your beauty?

Think it is the personality is the most important thing cause kahet sobra ka ganda. Kung isnabera ka naman, it does not work on people. If physical appearance, men looks at a woman's body, body in her hair.

19. What's the very first thing that you find attractive in a guy?

Someone who is neatly groomed and wonderful smile.

20. What's your fave hairdo? Hair up or down?

Either down blown down straightly or sleek to the side tie down low pony.

21. Are you kikay?

Yeah. Would be lying if I say no. I am also a neat freak.

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De La Salle campus wants to be 'home' to Pinoy scientists

Text by Allison W. Lopez
Photos by Romy Homillada

DLSU Canlubang is positioning itself as the country's 'science and technology university'

PRODUCING scientists in the Philippines will probably take more than just government-supported science high schools.

For scientific minds to flourish, there has to be a "breeding ground" that cultivates an interest in science in children and encourages extensive studies, experimentation and exploration. To lure Pinoy scientists working abroad for foreign firms, to return to the Philippines, they have to have a place they can call "home."

De La Salle University (DLSU) Canlubang might have just what is needed. Patterned after the famed Silicon Valley, the information technology (IT) hub of California, the campus is positioning itself as the country's "science and technology university."

DLSU Canlubang is the De La Salle University System's response to the urgent need for more homegrown and locally based scientists, computer engineers and IT experts.

"With the full power of the DLSU system supporting us, we would become the science and technology university that Filipino scientists abroad will come home for," says Dr. Arnulfo Azcarraga, executive vice president of DLSU Canlubang, during the blessing of the new university's building.

Located in the heart of the Laguna



DLSU Canlubang EVP Dr. Arnulfo Azcarraga

Technopark, the 51-hectare sprawling campus is surrounded by companies that, through collaborations with the university, will promote learning beyond the classroom.

"We will partner not only with Laguna Technopark locators but also with the many technology-based companies in nearby Mampasan, Calamba, Cabuyao, all the way to Batangas and some parts of Cavite," says Azcarraga. (Technoparks, like special economic zones, are specially designated areas for companies or locators that offer mostly technology-related products and services. Most technopark locators are multinational companies.)

The partnership with companies includes a wide range of activities—students' on-the-job

industry immersion, engaging engineers and managers as part-time teachers, executive and professional training, collaborative research and product prototype and testing.

Humanizing technology

DLSU Canlubang is the first of the university's campuses to have from kindergarten up to college classes. The campus aims to integrate science into the curriculum as early as in preschool—at appropriate "doses," of course—to guarantee continuous learning and love for science.

For this school year, the campus will offer only kindergarten, grades 1-4, first-year high school and college courses such as computer science, information management, electronics and communication engineering, computer engineering, and business administration, which incorporates technopreneurship, a term for businesses engaged in technological products.

The university boasts of a cutting-edge curriculum that "aims to nurture young minds [to cope] with the rigors of science, engineering and management" in an "academic atmosphere conducive to the formation of Christian scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs living in the La Sallian values." It also takes pride in its state-of-the-art facilities.

The kindergarten, grade and high schools, and college departments will all be housed in the Milagros R. del Rosario building, with its distinctive La Sallian façade, when classes open. Spacious and modern, the building has five floors, although the last two have not yet been completed as they do not expect to have a need for them until after three years when the school population has increased significantly.

Azcarraga says that, in a few years, a separate, fully functional section for grade and high schools will be set up at the south side of the campus. At the back, buildings for schools of engineering, management and information technology will be built.

"Give us a few years and we would have sprinkled the campus with all kinds of nature laboratories—like an insect sanctuary and a herbarium. We would have bicycle lanes inte-

grated with what I call an 'oxygen belt'—a corridor of full grown trees surrounding the campus," Azcarraga says.

Playgrounds and complete sports facilities will also fill the campus' vast land area, 35 hectares of which was a gift from the family of architect and artist Leandro Locsin.

A Robotics Lab is also being planned. However, Robotics as a separate program has yet to be established. In the meantime, the subject will be incorporated in the engineering program.

The library, according to Azcarraga, will not be limited to books and journals. It will include digital archives and Web-based materials as well. Internet access will also be available from anywhere on campus.

The cost of studying in DLSU Canlubang, especially with its emphasis on science and technology, is, not surprisingly, quite high. So the university offers parents its DLSU Zero-Coupon Bonds.

Preneed

The scheme, launched on the same day the Milagros del Rosario building was blessed, is similar to a traditional preneed educational plan except that, in this case, it can only be applied to a four-year college course in DLSU University Manila.

Rommel Leuterio, president of the Investment and Capital Corporation of the Philippines (ICCP), DLSU's financial advisor in the venture, says that aside from being a good investment for the children's education, the DLSU Bonds will also provide funding for the university's charitable causes like scholarship programs, tuition fee subsidy and other special projects.

The DLSU Bonds would cost less than preneed educational plans—around P30,000-P500,000 cheaper.

Purchase of the bonds will, however, not guarantee admission to DLSU. The bondholder or his/her designated scholar must meet the usual admission requirements. The bonds are transferable, though, and bondholders are allowed to re-sell them either in their entirety or partially through detachable coupons.



SPECIAL guests Rep. Monico Fontabella, former President Corazon Aquino, Sr. Luz Soriano, President Macapagal-Arroyo, and newly installed CHED chair Bro. Rolly Dizon join Fr. Francis Salcedo in blessing the Milagros del Rosario building.

Clinic inspires lifelong love

By James Paul H. Yap
Contributor

"OH, maaaan!" The words filled the room. It was the first day of the British Council's Reading Clinic and it was clear that most of the students were not too thrilled about it.

The clinic was the brainchild of Juliet Enriquez and teacher Bing Balayon, who saw the need to develop a genuine and lifelong love for reading among Filipino children.

Balayon, who has a Master of Arts in Reading, decided to develop a 30-hour program for the students. It aimed to provide students with unconventional but very effective tools for acquiring better comprehension skills.

Three classes were organized for kids aged 7-9, 10-13, and 14-16 April 22-May 6. Instructions were given in English and the materials came from the British Council's resources and literary collection.

The sessions started by trying to establish "contact" between the children and the books. Students were given time for "USSR" or Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading. The exercise made the kids realize that reading can be a fun activity, enabling them to discover new things about themselves and others.

The children were then helped to visualize what they read by making them draw, transforming concepts and ideas into something creative.

The children were also acquainted with British culture and education. One of them even became a recipient of the BC/ISC Scholarship Program and will be leaving for Devon, UK on July.

At the clinic, kids were taught to organize the ideas they got from a book in an activity called Graphic Organizer. They made use of diagrams, maps and models to better understand the main idea and supporting concepts of a book.

After learning these tools and strategies, the transformation began and the kids started to enjoy reading. "I was surprised that my son was actually asking me to buy him books... and a lot of them," one of the parents excitedly confessed.

"I plan to read more books," said a 7-year-old student who initially cared more about Pokemons and Digimons. Students also enjoyed the story-reading activity, where each student picked a story and read it in class in his/her own unique style.

Enriquez and Balayon were delighted to hear parents ask about the Graphic Organizer—how to do it and why they didn't have it before. Apparently, even parents found the tool useful.



ERIN Yap reads a story in class.



BIBAY Bionat and the author together with the Ferrer kids, Erin Yap and Cy Tamara.



FRANCIS, Mark and Regis always enjoy the Reading Clinic's storytelling activity.



Preschool tries to do as Mom does

THERE may be no substitute for mothers as teachers for their young children, but Second Mom Child Care Preschool tries to offer the next best thing.

The school uses the developmentally appropriate practice (DAP), which takes into account two things: age appropriateness (activities are adapted to a particular age group) and individual appropriateness (activities are based on a child's personality, learning style and family background).

The school maintains a low student to teacher ratio: Toddlers (2-3 years old)-4:1; Nursery (3 years old)- 8:1; Kinder (4-5 years old)-9:1; Preparatory (5-6 years old)-10:1.

Second Mom tries to provide a home-like environment with a male and female teaching team. Young children get individual attention and teachers allow them to engage in activities suited to their own level of development at a particular time. The teachers encourage and assess when a child is ready to move to the next level of learning.

Second Mom has a spacious, safe and colorful playground. Classrooms have a wide variety of materials. They have different activity areas for drama, arts and crafts, blocks, reading, science, math, language, music and movement, computers, sand and water tables.

Second Mom maintains close communication and encourages the active involvement of parents. Parents are invited to participate as much as they can in school activities.

Since most young children have yayas, Second Mom also provides Caregivers Training to inform and educate all adults involved in a student's life. The program consists of five-day monthly seminars that cover the topics First Aid, Accident Prevention, Responsibilities of Caregivers, How to Be an Effective Caregiver to Children of Different Age Groups.

Second Mom is at Dormitory I, Philsports Complex (formerly Ultra), Pasig City (beside Brent School). Call 635-9743 or 635-2002. E-mail secondmom2000@hotmail.com.



SECOND Mom's print-rich classrooms (above) carry a wide variety of materials that can be used in different ways. Preschool kids all dressed up for the Halloween Carnival (top left).



ALUMNA
Margie Moran
Florendo will
lead the tee-off.

Golf tourney for Miriam endowment fund

BOTH male and female Maryknoll-Miriam College alumni golfers will be playing alongside Miriam College students at the 1st Chi Rho Cup on May 29 at Aoki Course, Eagle Ridge Golf and Residential Estates in General Trias, Cavite.

The 1st Chi Rho Cup is presented by the Miriam College Chi Rho Champions, Maryknoll/Miriam College Alumni Association (MMCAA) and Eagle Ridge Golf and Residential Estates. The chairperson of the organizing committee is Carmita Francisco (College '57), with Carissa Singson (HS '82) as vice chair.

Miriam students and parents will be participating in the tournament. The ceremonial tee-off will be led by Margie Moran-Florendo (College '78), chair of Chi Rho Champions, and Riva Galveztan, an incoming fourth year high school student.

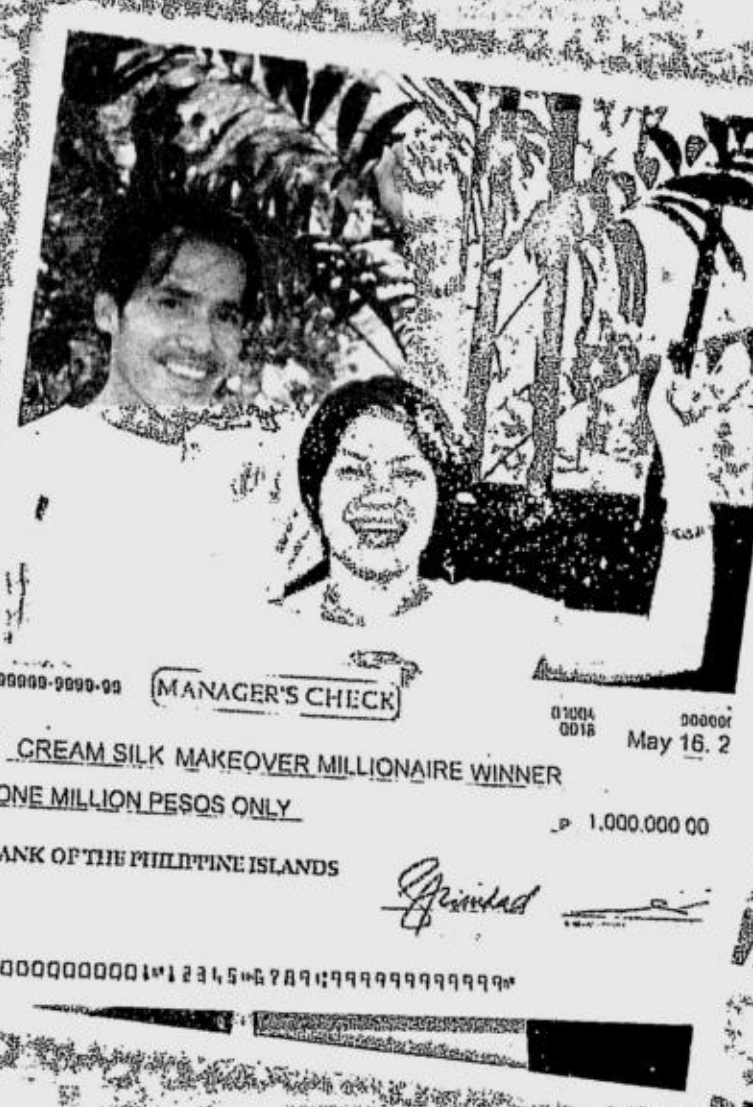
This event is part of a campaign for the Miriam College Endowment Fund, which aims to support scholarships and faculty development. A portion of the proceeds will also go to the improvement of the school's Marian Auditorium.

The tournament is also open to non-alumni golfers. Playing format will be team scramble.

Registration starts at 6 a.m. and shotgun start will be at 8:30 a.m. Capping the awarding ceremony at 2 p.m. is a raffle.

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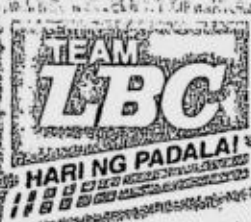
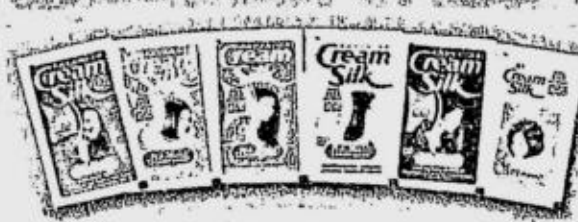
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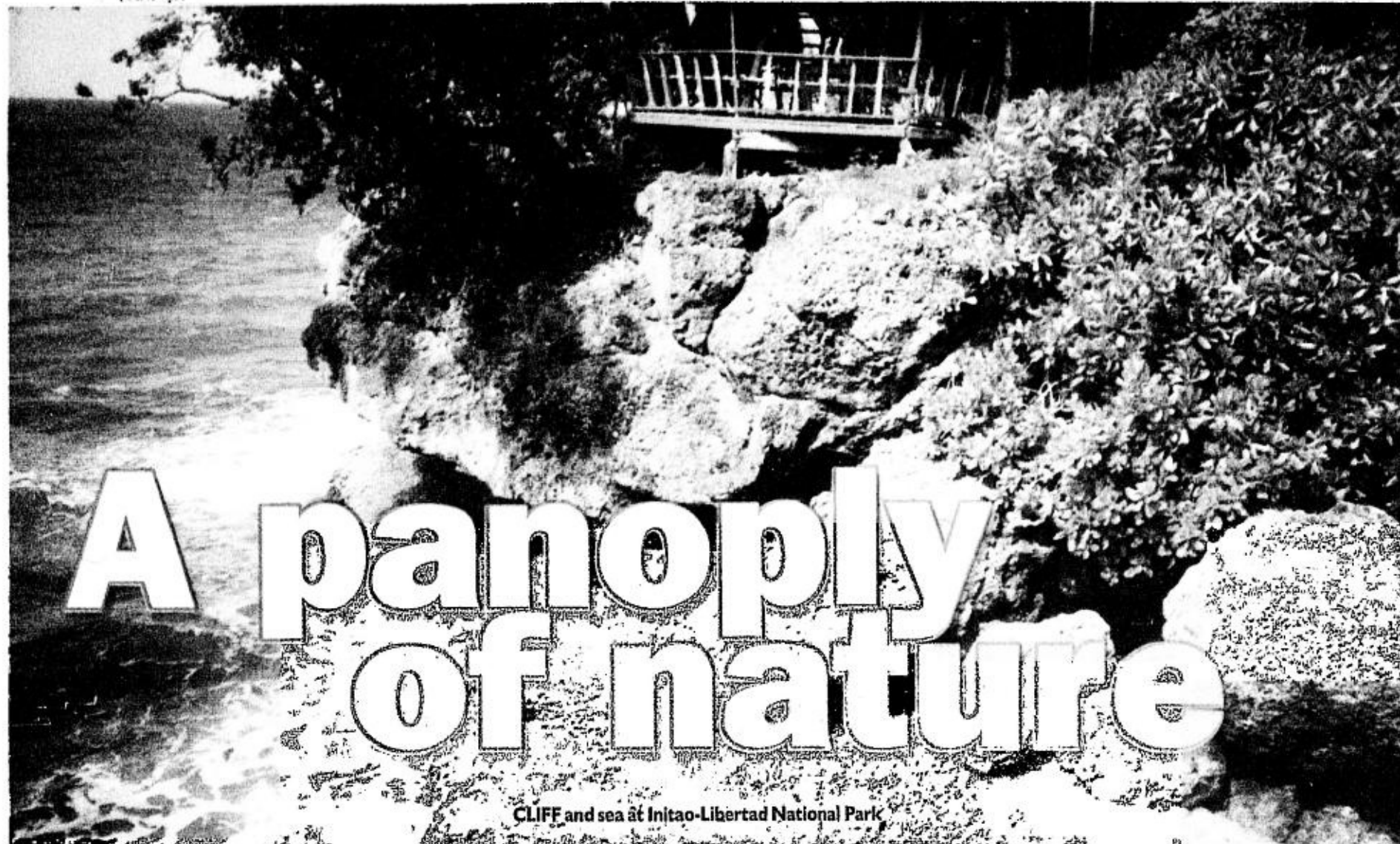


Prizes will be delivered by

TRAVEL

Editor Rosario A. Garcellano



CLIFF and sea at Initao-Libertad National Park

Text and photos by
Amadis Ma. Guerrero
Contributor

THERE'S much to see and enjoy in Misamis Oriental.

In Cagayan de Oro City, the capital, are such attractions as the Mambwaya River (where visitors can go white-water rafting), Macalajar Bay, Gardens of Malasag, Pryce Plaza, Xavier University Folk Museum, Seashells Museum, St. Augustine Metropolitan Cathedral, Macahambus Cave-Gorge and Catanico Falls.

Outside the city are eco-destinations, as well as the watershed areas, coastal environment, mangroves and forests that have to be protected. ("We have established five checkpoints in hot spots for the transport of illegal logs," said forester Anselmo Bustillo. And to curb dynamite fishing, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources has financed the construction of watch towers manned by members of people's organizations.)

Forty-five kilometers west of Cagayan de Oro—the same distance from Iligan City, Lanao del Norte, in the south—is the Initao-Libertad Protected Landscape & Seascape, a national park. A poster from the Protected Areas & Wildlife Division warns the visitor: "Hunting animals for pleasure is not a sport. It is nothing more than a barbaric act against biological diversity."

The 2,101-hectare area is home to reptiles, mammals and birds, including rare and endangered species like the tarsiers, flying lemurs, bleeding-heart pi-

geons, serpent eagles, crimson-breast barbets, white-spotted flying lizards, and an occasional marine turtle (*pawikan*) on the shore. (Too bad that the visitor will not see any of these fauna during a brief visit.)

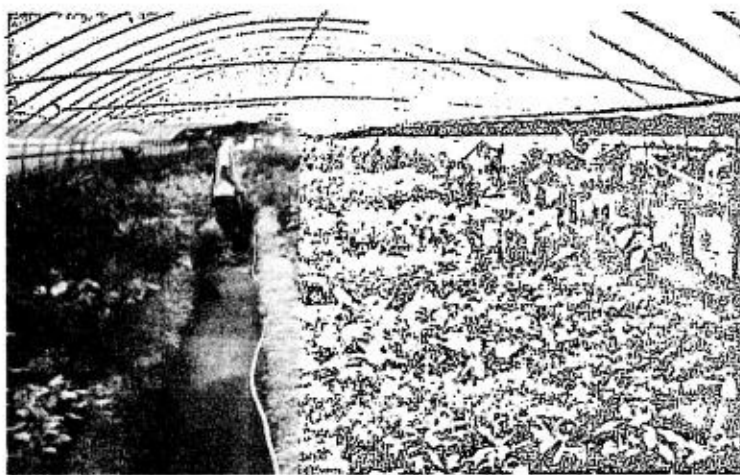
The forested area is filled with *Talisay gubat*, including a centennial tree, and a sprinkling of the now rare species like *tindalo*, mahogany and narra. There are green-painted picnic sheds and tables, a cottage with two small rooms and toilets, beach stairways, small caves, and a pathway that can serve as a jogging lane.

The facilities are simplicity itself, and crying out for development. "We are inviting investors to construct cottages and restaurants here," said Bustillo. Visitors usually bring their food, although there is a canteen a few steps away, on the national highway, beside a training center (good for 100 persons) that used to be the municipal hospital.

The best time to visit the park is during the summer months. When the sea is calm, families come to picnic and to swim.

For me, the most striking features of the park are the jagged, low-lying limestone cliffs and rock formations facing the Mindanao Sea. The day I was there, early in February, *amihan* winds churned waves that lashed the limestone, sending spray up to the trees. The impact of the waves and wind has created crevices and fissures on the limestone, and gives forth brief, sharp, yet sonorous sounds.

A new landmark in the pro-



RIOT of color at the Doalnara greenhouse

vince is the Shrine of Flight 387, about a two-hour drive from the city, in the cool upland town of Claveria. It is a memorial to the victims of the Cebu Pacific plane crash in February 1998. The remains of some of the passengers are buried there.

The site has been converted into an ecotourist zone. The towering abstract monument overlooks a watch tower, bridge and minimoat, manicured garden, cottage, and picnic tables.

When I was there, rain showers and mist blanketed the area, and it became windy and quite cold.

The weather is unpredictable, and it may even rain during summer, noted Neil Realista of the Municipal Tourism Council. (He had been assigned by the youthful bachelor mayor of Claveria, Paul Douglas S. Calingin, to guide us to the site, which is accessible by motor vehicle.)

A short drive away from the shrine is the Doalnara Restoration Society, also known as the Elijah Church, a Korean-established Christian commune supposedly with branches in other countries worldwide.

Doalnara is a self-contained, pro-environment community of 200 families with a school, temple, greenhouses and other features. The residents have computers but do not listen to the radio or watch television. And they subsist on a raw diet of vegetables and fruits.

"We grow vegetables like carrots, radish and cabbage, and fruits like *yacon*, banana and papaya," said society treasurer Genevieve Cabbarros. "The diet is

slight pain he was feeling in the neck.

Prayers are held daily at 4:30 a.m. The temple is quite bare, furnished with only mattresses and strategically placed video screens so as to better view the preacher (called "teacher"). The worshippers are segregated, and there is an adjoining hall for babies and small children.

The eco-adventure showpiece of Misamis Oriental is the now famous "high-wire" Canopy Walk (canopywalk@www.com) in Mati, Claveria. This is a series of hanging bridges and six canopy trees set amid the luxuriant forest cover.

The first step is a two-km uphill trek through the forest, sometimes slippery, until you reach the peak, which is the jump-start area. Then you descend via cable through the various canopies, and are advised to proceed slowly so as to enjoy the lush scenery.

To experience the Canopy Walk, one must register with the Regional Tourism Office in Cagayan de Oro. The De Oro Mountaineers Club will assign to you a trained guide and a porter. The package costs P1,500 if you're alone, but P1,000 for a group. Students are charged P850 each.

There are other interesting areas in the province for the visitor.

The Provincial Tourism Office recommends the Ostrich Farm in Opol; the Mantangale Alibug



MISTY morning at the Shrine of Flight 387



THRILLS (and splendid view) at the Canopy Walk in Claveria

TRAVEL BRIEFS

Self-service check-in

NORTHWEST Airlines has announced an expanded check-in program through its nwa.com service, which allows customers to check in and obtain their boarding passes over the Internet.

Customers whose travel starts in any of the 15 Asian cities that the airline serves in its network are covered by the service. Visit www.nwa.com/asia for access.

Through its airport kiosks across the United States and Canada, Northwest also offers international self-service check-in for all flights originating from North America, 24 hours prior to departure.

Until July 31, first-time users of the self-service check-in option from Asia,

who are also members of Northwest's WorldPerks frequent flyer program, will receive a one-time bonus of 1,000 miles.

I more in Malaysia

SHANGRI-LA Hotels and Resorts has signed a management agreement with the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center Sendirian Berhad to operate Traders Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

The 580-room/suite hotel, scheduled to open in mid-2005, will be Shangri-la's eighth in Malaysia. It will become a contiguous part of the convention center, which is due to open late next year.

Facilities will include two restaurants and a lounge, a rooftop swimming pool, a fully equipped spa, meeting and busi-

ness center facilities, and 24-hour room service. There will also be five floors of Traders Club rooms and a Traders Club Lounge offering such exclusive privileges as express check-in and check-out service, complimentary breakfast and purser service.

Ilocos tour

YOU can get a chance to see why the UNESCO included Vigan in its World Heritage list in Inscribe Tours' "Grand Ilocos Tour" on June 13-15.

The tour will take participants not only to Vigan but also to the rest of Ilocos Sur and neighboring Ilocos Norte, with their centuries-old churches, museums and ancestral houses. There will be stops to discover the region's

arts and crafts (pottery, *basi*-making and *abel*-weaving) and to enjoy Ilocano specialties (*bagnet*, *longganisa* and *empanada*).

Inscribe Tours also invites participants to its "Parada ng mga Lechon" tour on June 24, which features the town of Balayan in Batangas and its distinctive roast pig, with a visit to the colonial mansions of Taal Heritage Village thrown in.

Call 575-8370, 840-5912, or 0919-818-4697.

Balikbayan visa

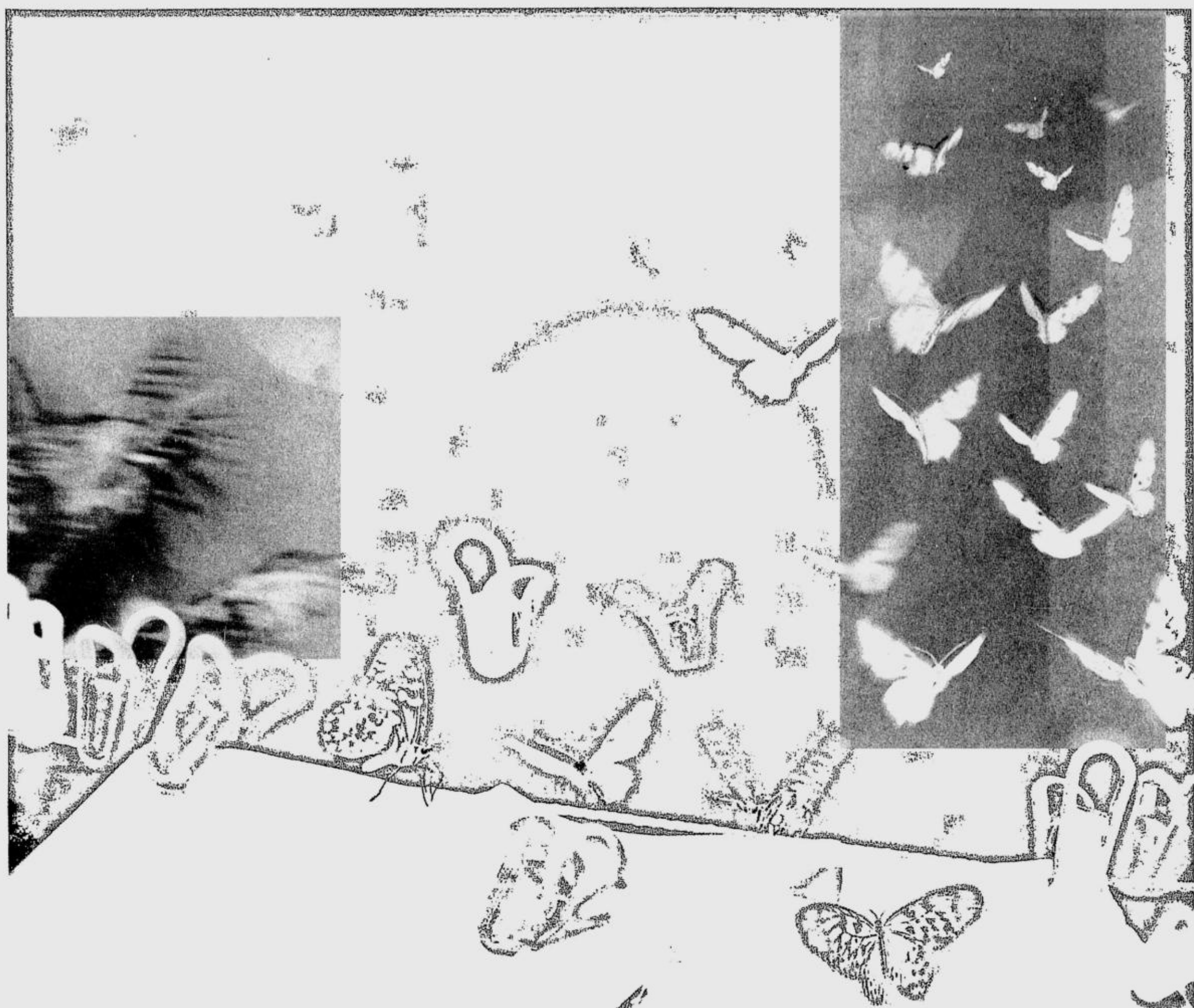
RETURNING Filipinos will get more benefits, including the right to own real estate, if they decide to retire or take extended vacations in the land of

their birth.

Philippine Leisure and Retirement Authority chair J. Antonio Leviste said in a statement that the government had extended the new benefits to returning Filipinos under the Investors and Retiree Resident (IR2) Balikbayan Visa.

Leviste said the \$50,000 to \$75,000 deposit requirement for foreigners to qualify for a permanent visa had been cut to \$1,500. "More importantly," IR2 balikbayan visa holders are eligible to own real estate of up to 5,000 square meters, he said.

They may also engage in business under RA 9173, which concerns micro business enterprises in barangays, he added.



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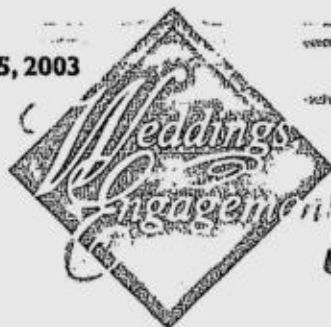


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Sunday LIFESTYLE

Grand party and Mass mark couple's golden anniversary

THE LONGEVITY factor is evident. See the spate of golden wedding anniversaries taking place lately.

A memorable one was that of Isidro and Antonia Moraza (née Roig), marked with an evening Mass at the chapel of Asilo de la Medalla Milagrosa. Close friends and a horde of relations attended the party afterward at the house of their children Antonio and Cristina Moraza.

Then came Enrique and Lulu Aboitiz who had a series of events. One was a getaway trip to Hong Kong with their children, and no

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grandchildren.

In Cebu they had a big bash in their house on Bauhinia Drive, attended by friends who came from Manila, relations who flew in from

Spain, and the cream of Cebu society.

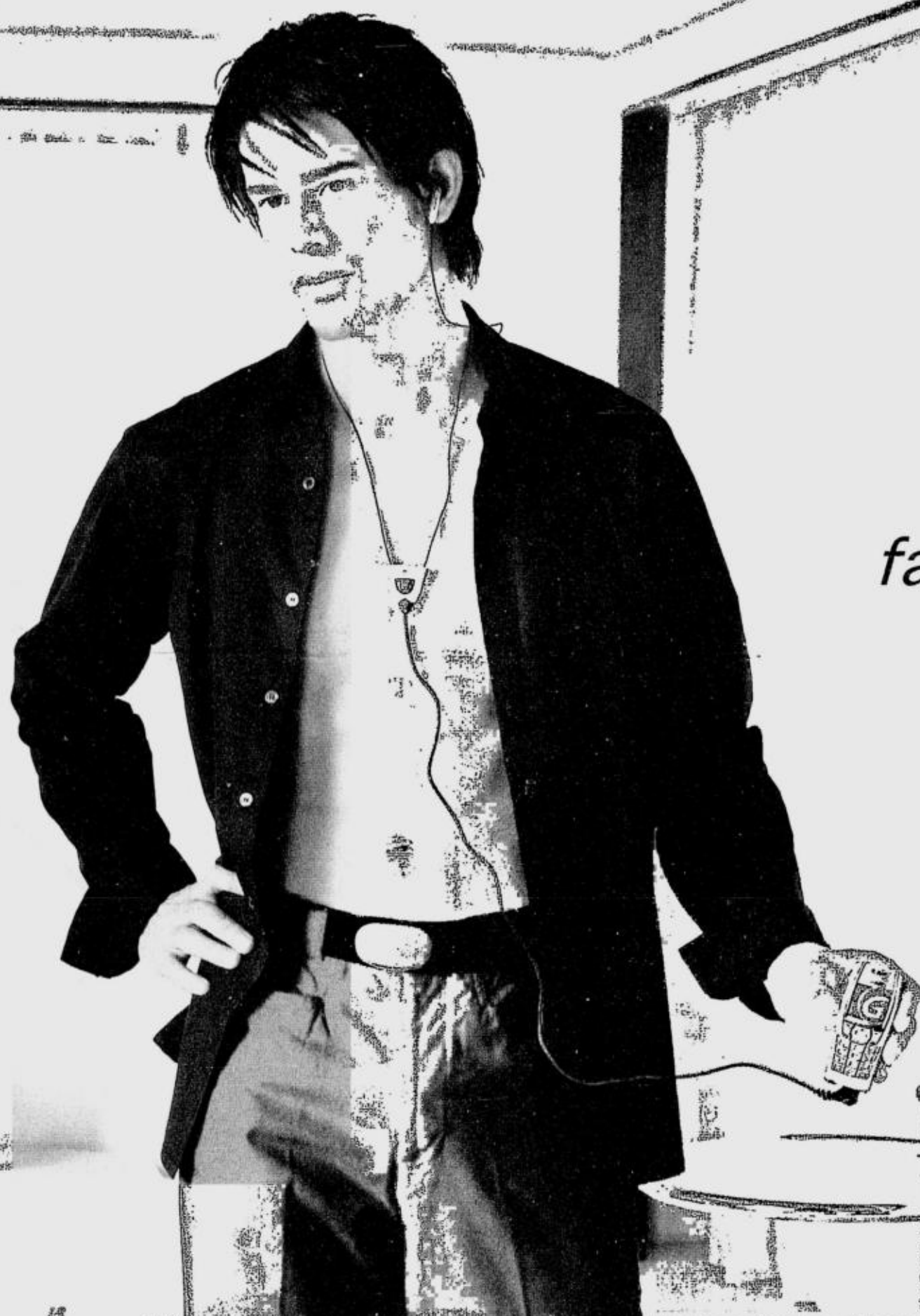
Various buffets featured gourmet specialties, vintage wines flowed at the bar, a video of their 50 golden years captivated everyone's attention, and there was dancing to the oldies-but-goldies tunes.

Prominent civic leaders Go Ching Hai and wife Beling (Lim) also had a golden wedding anniversary to celebrate, and this they did on a Sunday afternoon with a thanksgiving Mass in the Chapel of Sacred Heart. A traditional Chinese laurial in the Convention Center, dec-

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CHING Hai and Beling Go with their children (from left) Paulette Tan, Edward Go Hayco and Nellie Chiu



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Blind date leads to altar



WITH THE BRIDE'S family: Ryan, mother Melissa, father Bon, May, Chrissie and Bonju



WITH THE GROOM'S family: Kristine, Katherine, mother Judy, father Benny and Kris

IT was love at first sight for Kenneth Bacosa and Karen Reyes when they met on a blind date. The love endured and culminated in a wedding at San Sebastian Church recently.

The groom looked dashing and calm as he waited for an earlier wedding to finish. His parents, Benny and Judy Bacosa, waited with him patiently, their faces full of joy.

The bride's gown, a creation of Rajo Laurel, sparkled as in fairy-tale movies. Everyone whispered "beautiful bride" as she walked down the aisle with her proud parents, Bon Reyes and Marissa Melicor. Karen's makeup was by Lala Flores.

Fr. Aureo Nepomuceno asked the couple to read their vows.

Florist Dorothy Cuna and caterer Ms Valera of Center Table did a wonderful job as a team in decorating Puerto Real for the reception. As Kenneth and Karen wanted, the place was romantic, elegant yet relaxed.

Wine overflowed throughout the evening.

A video of the couple was shown, directed and produced by Kenneth's cousin, Eugene Sandejas, who hosted the evening with Mia Fausto.

Albert Labrador took photographs of the event, which was coordinated by Nenita Zagala of Celebrations.



NEWLYWEDS Kenneth and Karen Bacosa (née Reyes)



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Grand party and Mass mark couple's golden anniversary

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orated with gold-toned balloons, followed.

Ching Hai and Beling were surrounded by their children and grandchildren: Paulette and Jasper Tan with Jazmine; Nellie and Antonio Chiu (the honorary consul of Slovakia here) with Janice Jillian and Jason; Edward and Eleanor Go Hayco with Edaline, Erika, Evangeline and Evonne Marie. They performed a program of songs and dances that was straight out of a Broadway revue.

For their golden jubilee, Ben and Pat Maceren spruced up the extensive gardens that surround their Villa Maceren in Lapu-Lapu

City (Mactan); and gathered 50 couples among their closest friends—Lorenzo and Angelina Escaño included—to stand as sponsors. Fr. Samuel Clarin officiated the Mass.

The ceremonies started at sunset on a Saturday afternoon, and concluded well into the night when a fantastic display of fireworks took place.

They have a big family—eight children, all married, and with offspring. One could start with William and Mila Maceren, who have Mylene Giovanni, Giovanni William and Patricia Eleanor.

Then come Sherwin and Joyce Maceren with Jason, Josher, Mike and Jonathan; Arlene and

Nolan Diaz with Siegfried Zenith, Zed Avalon, Aldin, Norlen and Alfred; Kennedy and Gwendolyn Maceren with Mabel, Kathleen, Kenjosi and Kenpatrick; Christine and George Dayak with sons John James and Bryan.

More: Lyndon and Paz Maceren with Luke Quincy, Mark Vinnie and Silvino; Benjamin and Josette Maceren with Silvin Frederic, Farida Tricia and Jasmine Rica; Mayjoy and Joseph Panagaling.

Northwest Airlines and its general sales agent Interpacific Transit Inc. (ITI) presented awards to the top travel agents for the year 2002 at a buffet lunch in the Kanchiku Japanese restaurant of Waterfront Cebu City Hotel.

Here for the occasion were NW country manager Ray Nishihira with wife Susan, marketing/communications manager Adin Gonzalez.

From ITI Manila came general manager Gina Campos and sales director Mark Abastillas.

In Cebu, the NW/ITI office is handled by Ella Mae Lim as district manager for Visayas and Mindanao. The pretty girls on her staff were present—Anne Chan, Lani Su, Tonet Cruz, Cora Ortiz and Jiji Jumao-as.

Rene and Margot Villarica collected the No. 1 citation for Destinations Specialists; Mar-

garet Gaisano Ang and Marielou Pintor came for No. 2, Grand Holidays.

Radiant beyond words was Sheila Colmenares, for Leisure Travel, who, from No. 14 last year, jumped—jet-propelled no doubt—to No. 3.

Juanito Babia couldn't come to collect the plaque as No. 4 for Transair (Davao), but everyone else was there: Marilou and Del Ordoñez for Delmar Travel; Carlos Castelles for Amigo Travel (Iloilo); Imelda Pasquil for Pan Asia World (Davao); Macrina Fuentes for Orientwind (Dumaguete); Jackie Uy for Thomas Cook; and Karen Tan for Titan Travel (Cagayan de Oro).

Cathay Pacific also had awards to present not just to top travel agents but to top cargo loaders.

Their party was held at Waterfront Hotel with a red, white and blue theme. This was to emphasize its recent collaboration with American Airlines, code sharing to more than 20 destinations in the USA.

Country manager Adrian Harley came from Manila and presented the awards with Cebu manager Lawrence Fong and Connie Cimafranca, who is in charge of passenger sales.

Adrian did more than give Cathay's crystal globes. He sang. So infectious was the performance of Randy Santiago that he got the travel agents singing, too.



BEN and Pat Maceren

CATHAY'S Adrian Harley sings the blues.

Top CX travel agent in Cebu was, once more, Grand Holidays, represented by Margaret and Marilou. Coming closely on their heels were Rene and Margot of Destination Specialists (No. 2).

Third place went to Fortune Travel, represented by Marlon Pastrana, who also won best in costume as Uncle Sam.

More awards went to Travelways, Alan Carvajal; Uni Orient, Rosalyn Tan; Leisure Travel, Sheila C.; Pan Pacific, Rosie Gwen Po; Royal Prince Travel,

Fairlie Uy; Adam's Express, Cindy Copingco; and Blue Horizons, Cecile Sa-a.

As to the top CX cargo agents, there was David Tieng for Geologistics; Lilit Yu for Oriental Air Transport; Malou Caballas for Kuehne and Nagel; Lydia Agustin for Yusen Air and Sea; and Ramon Tamondong for Bax Global Philippines.

Cathay flies out of Cebu for Hong Kong twice a day, and they haven't altered their schedules despite the SARS scare.



NORTHWEST'S Susan and Ray Nishihira with ITI-Cebu's Ella Mae Lim

Milestones

We're accepting announcements of weddings and engagements. Please send the following typewritten information: names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, gown designer and other related information. Readers can send sketches of gowns and pictures of the couple at least two weeks before the wedding. This will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the sender.

CHU-CHUA

Ton Chu, son of Antonio and Sioty Chua, will marry Lailynne Chua, daughter of Pepito and Linda Chua, today in Manila Cathedral. Reception will follow at Isla Ballroom of Edsa Shangri-La Hotel.

RETIRO DEBUT

Joedith Laurice Clavo Retiro, daughter of Jose Lauro and Edith Retiro, will celebrate her 18th birthday with a dinner-dance on May 31 in Phoenix Ballroom of Horizon Edsa Hotel in Mandaluyong City.

Joedith will wear a two-piece gown in monochromatic taffeta accented with petals and roses by Dorothy Dagawon of Doré.

The debutante is an industrial engineering junior at the University of Santo Tomas.



BARRINOS-LAURINO

Junufre Barrinos, son of the late Mr. and Ms. Santiago Barrinos, and Lovelyn Laurino, daughter of Mr. and Ms. Norberto Laurino Sr., will exchange vows on June 8 in Mt. Carmel Church, Roxas City, Capiz. Reception will follow at Nestas Restaurant.



BERNABE - PET

Jowyn Pet, daughter of Mr. and Ms. Teresito Pet, will exchange matrimonial vows with Erick Bernabe, son of Mr. and Ms. Francisco Bernabe, on May 31 in Manila Cathedral.

Eric Pineda designed the bride's gown in two-ply ivory Thai silk. Reception will follow at the Pandango Ballroom of Manila Hotel.



DE LA ROSA ANNIVERSARY

Nestor and Wilhelmina de la Rosa of Zaragoza, Nueva Ecija, recently renewed their marriage vows at Akap Foundation, Baguio City.



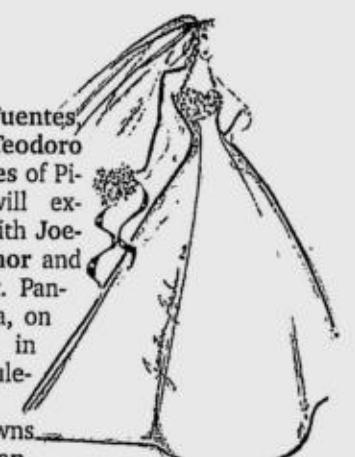
The bride will wear an ivory white silk gazar and illusion tulle drop-waist gown by Eddie Baddeo. He also created the ensembles of the entourage.

DUMLAO-FUENTES

Camille D. Fuentes, daughter of Teodoro and Celia Fuentes of Pila, Laguna, will exchange vows with Joe-

nathan V. Dumlao, son of Melchor and Myrna Dumlao of Manila, at St. Pancratius Church, Paco Park, Manila, on May 31. Reception will follow in Bayview Park Hotel on Roxas Boulevard.

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The Santacruznan is sponsored by the Clark Development Corporation (CDC), in cooperation with the Angeles University Foundation (AUF).

CDC president Emmanuel Y. Angles said the Santacruznan would pay homage to Kapampangan women who gave honor and glory to their province and the nation.

Famous for its cuisine and arts, Pampanga produced some of this year's winners in beauty competitions.

The event is to be directed by Boron Garcia, AUF's performing arts director.

Among those participating are Laura Marie Dunlop of Angeles City, Ms Philippines Earth 2003 and the country's representative to the Ms Earth Beauty Pageant; and Carla Gay Balingit of Mexico, Bb. Pilipinas-Universe 2003 who will participate in the Ms Universe pageant.

Also invited are former Ms Asia-Pacific 1996 first runner-up Marlen Maristela of Mabalacat; Leila Kuzma of Angeles City, one of the winners of Ms PBA 2002 and currently a co-host of the Eat Bulaga noon-time show; and Darlene Carbungco of Angeles City, who was Mutya ng Pilipinas and fourth runner-up in the Ms Asia-Pacific International in 2001. The club is at 268 Real St., Pamplona Dos, Las Piñas City. Call 02-8736024 and 0919-3349152.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE



FOREIGN Undersecretary Delia Albert, British Ambassador Paul Dimond, Qatar Ambassador Saleh Ibrahim and Carolyn Dimond

A rare 'en grande' national day celebration

IT WAS a particularly spiffy celebration of Queen Elizabeth's birthday at British Ambassador Paul Dimond and his lovely wife Carolyn's residence, what with the spacious garden all lighted up and tents scattered around housing the military band, among others. Long buffet tables from the InterCon catered to the vast crowd. And I mean vast; the running joke was that there were 700 invitees, and a thousand showed up!

It wasn't only government who was there, like Gen. Ermita and Sec. Luis Lorenzo (who was lamenting the people's ignorance over the Bt corn issue), and the talk wasn't about who was going with the Presidential party to D.C. but who shouldn't. US Ambassador Francis and Dr. Marie Ricciardone were there, as well as Italian Ambassador Umberto and Clara Colesanti and Australian Ambassador Ruth Pearce, who observed that celebrating national days "en grande" these days is more the exception than the norm, with budgets being slashed all over. Also present were Swiss Ambassador Lise Favre, Chilean Ambassador Carmen Lynam, Venezuelan

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

Ambassador Milena Ramirez, Spanish Ambassador Ignacio and Aurora Saqaz, Josie and Ramon Sy, Paz Yuchengco, Evie Costa and Fortune Ledesma, and Chuching and Marge Tambunting. Isabel Wilson was inviting friends to the premiere of "Darna" at the CCR to watch all sorts of dancers fly across the stage a la "Crouching Tiger." You all know, of course, that Darna is older than Wonder

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SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

June 2 (Monday) 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon P1,500
COFFEE! COFFEE! COFFEE! by: Aileen Anastacio, Chef, Food Consultant, owner of Cest Si Bon and Goodies N' Sweets, Dean's 1st graduate of Culinary at the California Culinary Academy. If you are planning to open a coffee shop this course is for you. Learn the 4 fundamentals of coffee brewing, home espresso, guide to steaming & foaming. Recipes: Caffé Mocha, Caffé Americano, Caffé Latte, Cappuccino, Espresso Macchiato & Espresso Con Panna. Make fun toppings and garnishes and master the art of coffee making.

June 2 (Monday) 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. P1,200
DESSERT COFFEES by: Chef Aileen Anastacio "Learn how to make a variety of iced coffee drinks, a whole new category of ways to enjoy espresso. Recipes: Almond Coffee Frappe, Icy Rum Coffee Cream, Toffee Coffee, Muddled Malt, Mocha Rumba, Rocky Road, Mocha Malt and more!

June 3 & 4 (Tuesday - Wednesday) 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. P4,000
CAKE DECORATING COURSE 1 by: Heny Sison, "Learn the basic of cake decorating: icing color, star, shell, dots & outline borders; the rose, figure piping, clown & booties. Each student will bake & decorate a character birthday cake. Full participation.

June 9 (Monday) 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. P2,500
PIZZA CLASS/WORKSHOP by: Chef Giorgio Buccarelli, Master Pizzaiolo, Bantala and Food Consultant to various Italian restaurants in Metro Manila, graduated at the Culinary Institute of Milan, Italy. In this class you will learn the history, concept & design of pizza making. Learn how to make pizza dough, tomato sauce base, white sauce base, preparation, setting up a pizza counter, know the ingredients and toppings. Recipes: Margharita, Napoli Classica, 4 Formaggi, Pizza Vegetariane, La Giubiana, Piccanta, 4 Stagioni, Calzone & Frutti di Mare. Demonstration with student participation.

June 10 (Tuesday) 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. P2,500
DOUGHNUT WORKSHOP by: Chef Jane Paredes, Chef / Food Consultant, owner of Café Cornucopia, trained at the Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, New York and Peter Kump's New York Cooking School. Recipes: Sugar Honey - Glazed, Caramel Pecan, Chocolate Nut, Mango Glazed Chocolate Bavarian, Blueberry Filled, Strawberry Filled, Apple Filled, Twist Cinnamon Sugar & Bergamot (French Doughnuts).

June 11 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. P1,500
TEMPTING CHOCOLATE DESSERTS by: Chef Jill Sandique, Chef, Food Consultant & Food Stylist, Blue ribbon graduate of Peter Kump's New York Cooking School. Flourless Chocolate Cake, Chocolate Soufflé Chocolate Bread Pudding, Dark Chocolatey Crème Brûlée, Swiss Chocolate Fondue & 3rd Avenue Fudge Cookies.

June 16 (Monday) 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. P2,500
TUTTO AL FORNO (BAKED ITALIAN DISHES) by: Chef Giorgio Buccarelli (Lasagna Al Forno (Pesto Sauce Lasagna), Lasagna Al 4 Formaggi (Cheese Sauce Lasagna), Gnocchi Alla Romana (Gnocchi Roman Style), Timballo Di Riso (Baked Risotto in a mold), Parmigiana Di Melanzane (Baked Eggplant with Parmesan & Tomato), Torta Di Polenta (Baked Potatoes with Ham & Cheese), Timballo Di Maccheroni (Baked Macaroni in a mold), Crespoli Con Ricotta E Spinaci (Thin Pancakes w/ Ricotta and Spinach). Demonstration with student participation.

June 17 (Tuesday) 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. P1,500
THE ART OF LOW FAT DESSERTS by: Chef Jill Sandique "Individual Banana Soufflé w/ Cinnamon Sugar, Lemon Angel Food Cake w/ Raspberry Compote, Devil's Food Cake Boiled Icing, Apple-Yogurt Coffee Cake, Banana Ginger Loaf, Prune & Apricot Coffee Cake & Carrot Cake.

June 17 (Tuesday) 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. P1,700
THE MANY WAYS TO COOK CHICKEN by: Chef Aileen Anastacio, Citrus-Ginger Grilled Chicken, Chicken Cacciatore, Chicken Inasal, Thai Style Grilled Chicken, Roasted Chicken w/ Lemon, Garlic & Rosemary, Buffalo Wings & Chicken Bulgogi.

June 18 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. P2,500
CREPE WORKSHOP by: Chef Jill Sandique "Learn the techniques of crepe making in this full participation class. On the menu: Crepe Suzette, Strawberry Crepe, Mango-Pandan, Crepe à la Mode, Spinach Roulade, Beggars Purse and Chicken Mushroom Crepe.

June 23 (Monday) 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. P2,500
HOMEMADE SAUSAGES, CONDIMENTS & MARINADE WORKSHOP by: Chef Jane Paredes, Discover ways to transform meat, poultry & seafood into profitable menu items. **SAUSAGES:** Chorizo Biloao, Longanisa Itongka, Italian Sausage, Seafood Sausage & Mexican Sausage. **CONDIMENTS:** Honey Mustard Sauce, Sweet Pickles & Achara. **MARINADE:** Homemade Tapa, Homemade Bulgogi & Tocno Dish: Sausage, Sauerkraut & Potato Casserole & Country Style Pork & Beans.

June 24 (Tuesday) 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon P1,500
SPECIAL CAKES by: Heny Sison "Coffee Crunch, Tiramisu, Black Forest Cake, Nekusko, Mocha Cake w/ Mocha Filling & Icing & Rum Walnut Cake.

June 24 (Tuesday) 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. P1,500
KOREAN COOKING by: Chef Young Hee Kim Park, Chef / Owner of Silla Korean Restaurant (Beef Bulgogi (Barbecue Tenderloin & Ordinary), Chicken Bulgogi, (Barbecue: Chicken Thigh), Pork Bulgogi (Pork Lempop), Chap Chae (Korean Noodle), Mushrooms, Vegetable, Beef or Pork), Mi Yuk Guk (Soup: Seaweed, Beef or Pork) & four kinds of appetizer (Dills, Peanut, Spinach & Beans Sprout).

June 25 (Wednesday) 10:00 - 4:00 p.m. DIMSUM P1,200 by: Katherine C. Sison, restaurateur Ding Hing & Fat Kai restaurant, caterer & an expert in Chinese Cuisine. Recipes: Congee, Siomai, Dumpling, Chicken Feet Fried Shrimp Ball & Buchi.

June 27-28 (Friday-Saturday) 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. P4,000
CAKE DECORATING 2 by: Heny Sison "Add amazing new skills to your cake decorating - the world of icing flowers, distinctive borders, flower sprays & specialty flowers. As a final project you will decorate a basketweave cake filled w/ cascading flowers. Full participation.

June 30 (Monday) 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. P1,500
SPECIAL COURSE ON COOKIES by: Heny Sison, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Jam Thumbprint, Peanut Butter Cookies, Lemon Bars, Chocolate Cups, Oatmeal Cookies & Chocolate Crinkles.

June 30 (Monday) 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. P1,500
SUSHI CLASS by: Chef Kondo Koichi, licensed cook from Ehime, Japan, a food consultant to various Japanese restaurants. Temaki - Zushi (Do-It Yourself Sushi Rolls), Bara-Zushi (Scattered Sushi), Inari-Zushi (Sushi Pockets), Futo-Maki Zushi (Thick Rolled Sushi), Taka-Maki (Hand-rolled Tuna Sushi), Kappa-Maki (Sea Cucumber Sushi).

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June 10 (Tuesday) 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. P1,700
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June 18 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. P1,700
PARADE OF PIES, TARTS & CHEESECAKES French Apple Pie w/ Streusel Topping & Creme Anglaise Sauce, Turtle Pie, Banana Cream Pie w/ Whipped Cream Caramel Topping, Mango Tart, Peach Walnut Pie, Blueberry Cheesecake & White Chocolate Cheesecake.

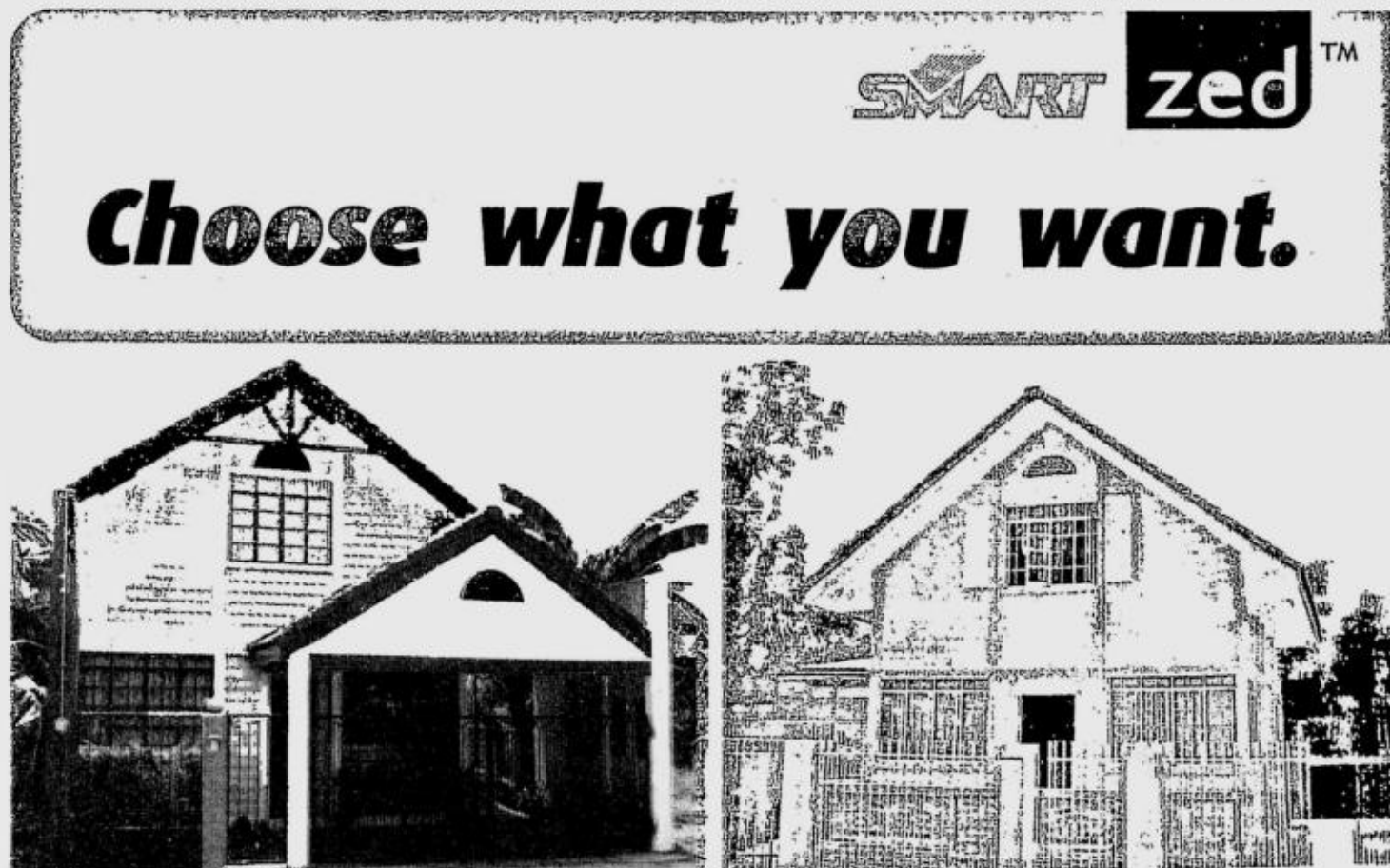
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Salad vegetables get a new look

Designed for urban gardens, new salad vegetables look different from more familiar cousins

Text by Tita V. Giron
Photos by Michael Caballes

GET to know "Lollo Bionda," a fancy lettuce variety with deeply serrated, ruffled leaves. Or take a look at its cousin, the "Lollo Rossa" with glossy, frilled leaves which comes in various shades of deep red. The "Batavia Lettuce" has unique sharp, jagged leaves, while the "Green Oakleaf Smile" has tightly packed, wavy leaves.

Acquaint yourself with other new-look salad vegetables—"Baby Broccoli Create," a unique small broccoli; "flowering pakchoy" that tastes better when harvested after flowering "Ferry Morse Zucchini Grey," "Bull's Blood" beets and many other fascinating salad vegetables.

And if you really want to become familiar with these new-look salad vegetables, you can grow them in an indoor or outdoor garden.

The fancy vegetables were once available only from importers and a few commercial growers. But now local farmers and gardeners can get the vegetables' seeds and grow them themselves.

The seeds have been tested and found to adapt very well to a range of growing conditions, such as areas in Benguet, Bukidnon, Pangasinan, Tagaytay, Batangas, Los Baños and in Metro Manila.

We saw the new-look salad vegetables at the Allied Botanical Corporation (ABC) trial field in the experimental station of Benguet State University, where they were harvested during the 2nd Annual High-Value Crops Field Expo.

Along with seed distributors, farmers, hobbyists, officials of the agriculture department,



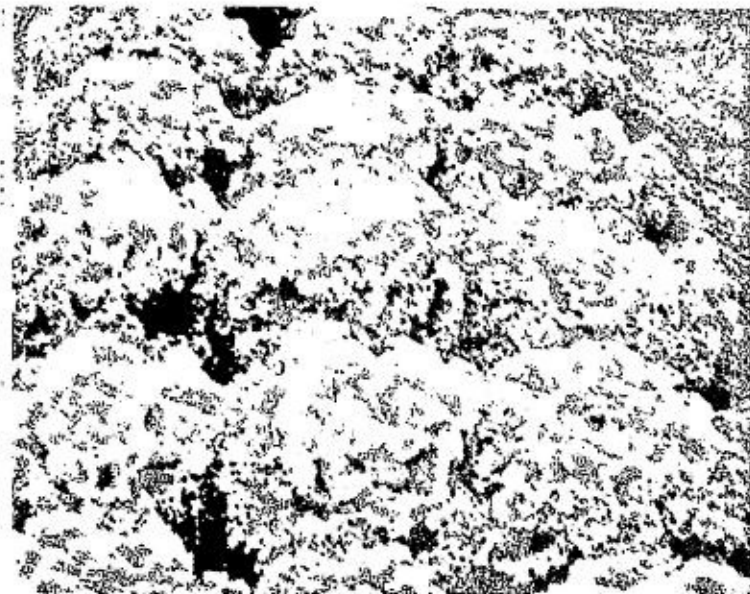
ROWS of mixed-leaf lettuces have red, purple and green colors.



HIGH-YIELDING beefsteak-type tomato produces large fruits that can weigh up to 250 grams.



RED Cabbage "Jewel," a favorite coleslaw ingredient, is grown in the cold regions.



CONDOR lettuce "Lollo Bionda" is a fast-growing lettuce with frilled, loose leaves. It is popular in restaurants and salad bars.



DITAS Marquez Lim of Allied Botanical prepares tossed salad for the guests. She used newly harvested lettuce varieties, arugula, cucumber, tomatoes, red cabbage, beets and Swiss chard stalks.

and the local media, we participated in the harvest rites that started with a getting-to-know walk around the vegetable plots.

A taste-test of the freshly harvested crops at the salad bar followed. Guests tossed their own salad cuts and chose the dressing.

No need to import

"The liberalization of world trade last year, and the resulting massive importation of high-quality vegetables [put] local farmers at a great disadvantage. Imported vegetables were cheaper and they flooded the local market. While they were good for the importers, [they meant] doomsday for Filipino farmers," ABC president Willy Co said.

Consumers, too, were at a disadvantage, not knowing when the vegetables were shipped and how long they were stored. They also did not know whether or not the vegetables were treated with a variety of chemicals at the farm and the storage facilities. It is a well-known fact that smugglers had a heyday sneaking in vegetables that were not inspected by authorities for chemical toxicity and farm pests.

Co and his farm technicians decided to find out the best techniques to grow imported vegetables. Field trials and researches were done at the company's research farm in Tayug, Pangasinan, and in the experimental station at the Benguet State University.

"We sowed only quality seeds and selected the best growing varieties," explained chief grower Dr. Bliss Aday, a respected agronomist and breeder from the University of the Philippines Los Baños.

Co and Aday said, "There's no need to import high-quality vegetables if they can be grown by local farmers. They're cheaper, fresher, and consumers will know where their vegetables are coming from."

They added that, with technical guidance, correct farm inputs, and right technology, the Filipino farmer can now grow almost all imported vegetables. "And with the right variety of seeds that are properly packaged, handled and shipped, he can match the quality of high-value vegetables."

Results of the latest high-value vegetable production were presented at the recent field expo.

New salad vegetables

Exploring the lettuce plots, we were surprised to see a host of lettuces with fancy shapes, textures and sizes. Used to the traditional lettuce varieties, we were overwhelmed to see (and savor) mixed leaf lettuces in various shades of purple, red and green.

Farm technicians described the interesting leaves as frilled, wavy, loose, serrated. They boasted that some of the new types of lettuces they were growing were not in the market yet.

"Did you know that lettuces are perhaps the safest vegetables to eat? They seem to have a built-in pest repellent that keep many bugs away. They are evidently the least sprayed [with insecticides] vegetables," Dr. Aday said.

Aside from the lettuces, other salad-bowl vegetables in the field were: "Broccolini," said to be a market sensation in the United States; large Australian cauliflower; red cabbage, beefsteak and cherry tomatoes, French beans, Swiss chard, oriental greens, beets, a lot of herbs.

Despite their small size, the mini basil plants stood out between the rows of towering herbs like fennel, arugula, parsley, sorrel. The mini version was also no less spicy and flavorful than the traditional Genoese basil



UNIQUE but beautiful "Baby Broccoli Create" is newly introduced in the Philippines.



SWISS chard, a newly introduced vegetable in local farms, comes in brilliant colors other than red. There are varieties with yellow, pink and orange stalks.



ALLIED Botanical president Willy Co (right) and sales coordinator Rowena Bienes harvest fine-leaf basil at the Benguet State University experimental field.

varieties.

The herb rows were also planted to chili peppers with the following name tags: Pepper Canape, Maxi Bel and California Wonder.

The tomato plots were fascinating, especially the three varieties of cherry types in red, orange and yellow. "Sweet Million," in particular, was said to be popular in the market. It could bear lots of well-rounded fruits that weighed about 15-20 grams each.

Easily the most fascinating vegetables in the lot were the Swiss chards that stood out with their sensational red-ribbed stalks amid the dark green and red-veined leaves. We imagined the stunning effects they could create in a bowl of tossed salad.

"You can steam the stalks like asparagus tips or cook them like spinach," a technician suggested.

Growing tips

"Most of these high-value vegetables can be grown in Metro Manila and other urban gardens in the lowland," the Allied Botanical farm technicians said.

They added that many growers had successfully cultivated the vegetables using different growing systems such as organic (chemical-less), soil-less (using such materials as volcanic rock chips, pebbles, or recycled agricultural wastes), hydroponics (water), containerized, etc.

The technicians added that, as long as a few simple rules were followed—judicious watering, sun exposure, fertilizing, and tender loving care—all the new-look vegetables could be grown practically anywhere.

"But, of course, you have to get the right kind of seeds to start with," the farm technicians pointed out, although they did not mention Allied Botanical as source of seeds and fertilizers.

For more information on the new-look vegetables and where to source the seeds, call customer service officers Rowena Bienes and Michael Caballes at telephone numbers 437-6606 (to 08) or 911-2822/911-0836.



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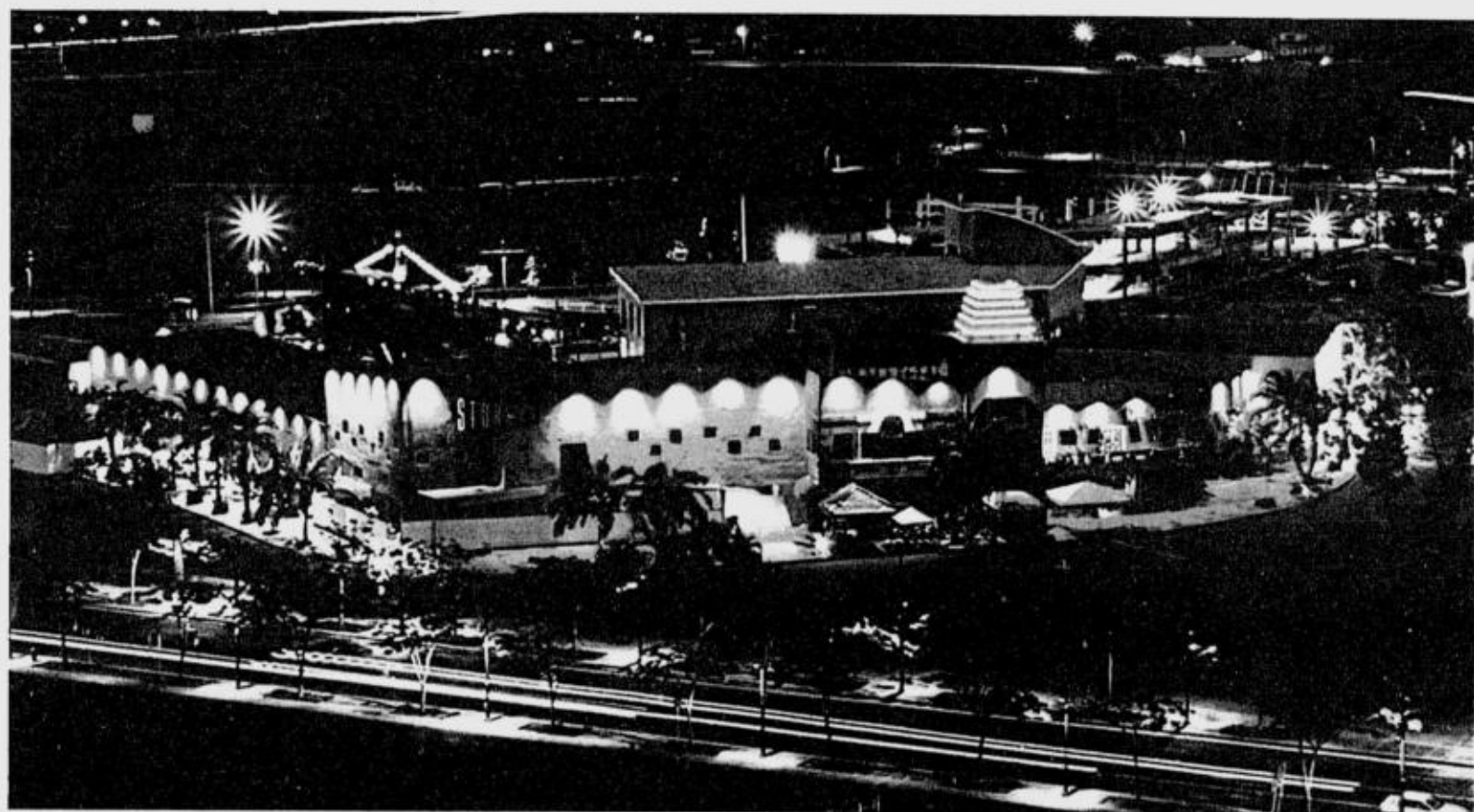


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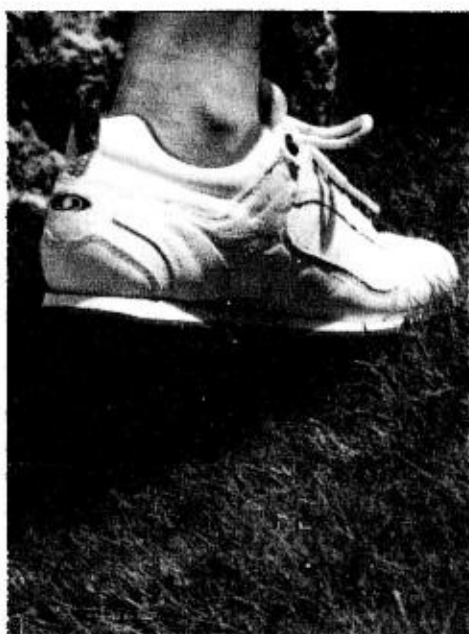
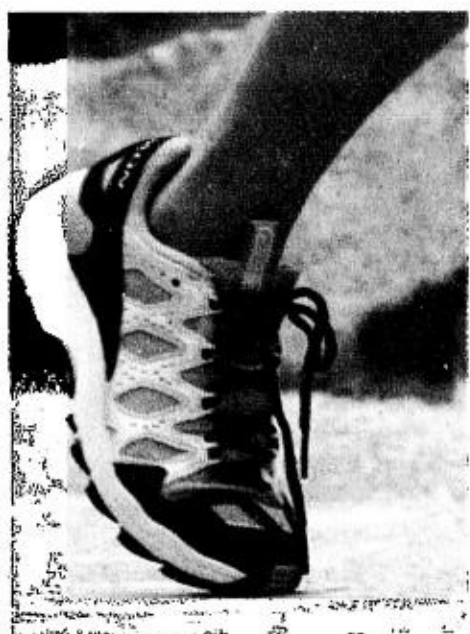
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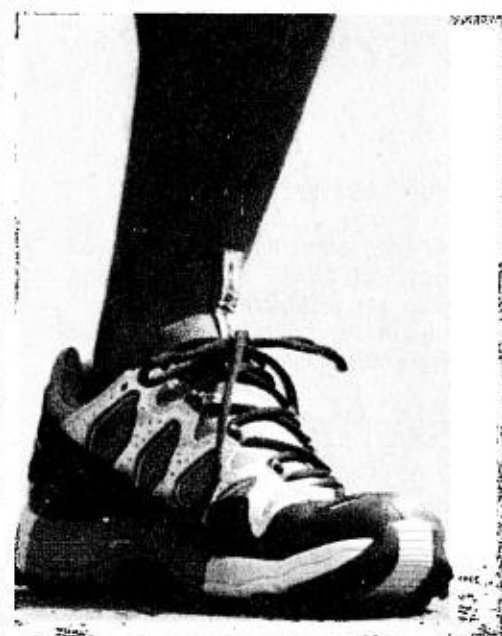
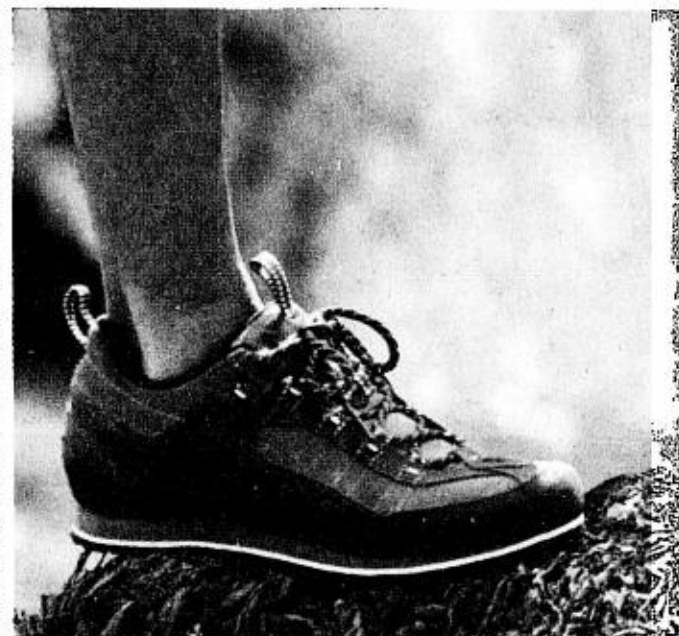
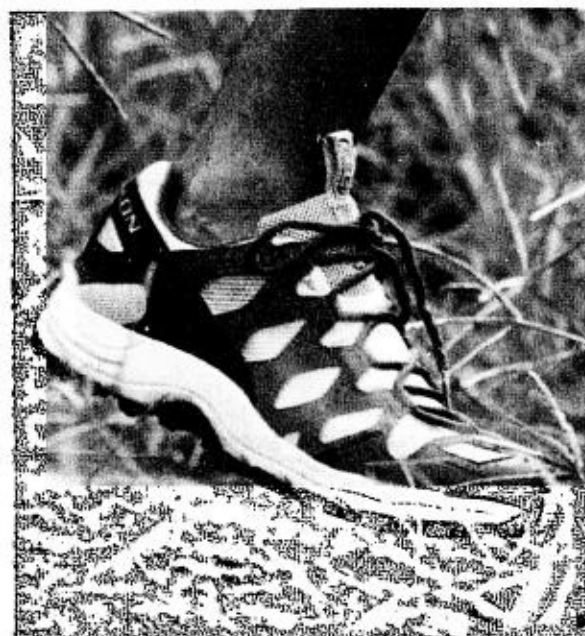
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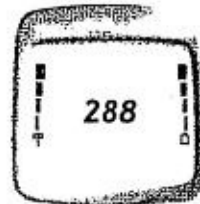


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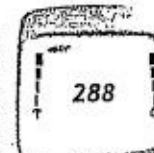
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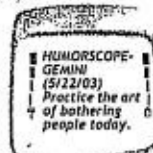
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Sunday LIFESTYLE

The glamour goldie pupil remembered

By Elizabeth Lolarga
Contributor

"SERVING people does not cost money; it costs time."

I picked this line up from a participant at the Goldies (short for golden oldies) Workshop that Gilda Cordero-Fernando first conducted in 1998 for the Center for Health and Creative Arts (Chacra). She assigned me to bring Lolo Mando (retired journalist-professor Armando J. Malay), 84 at that time, to the venue where the last of three sessions was to be held. The way I understood it, he was playing pakipot (hard to get).

The day before the workshop, I asked Gilda's permission to borrow from her stash of angel wings a pair that would fit my shoulders. I needed a gimmick

to get the attention of everyone's favorite grumpy old man. From my closet I found the printed Italian shirt that I reserved for special occasions and estimated it would fit the guy I had addressed as Dean Malay since 1974 when I enrolled in my first journalism class. (He was then dean of student affairs of the University of the Philippines Diliman.)

Still in his pajamas, he did need a bit of persuading to complete the workshop. He changed into the semi-new shirt and a pair of pants, and boarded the vehicle assigned to us. On the way to Loyola Heights, I almost clapped both ears of Veny, Gilda's faithful Girl Friday and our designated chauffeur, as the dean began to tell me in great detail about his sexual awakening. When he was a boy, he shared a room with his parents,

Dean Armando Malay was game enough about his mortality as to attend in 1998 a workshop on death and resurrection

and woke up late one night to the sounds of their lovemaking. His curiosity led him to quietly and discreetly check what was happening inside the mosquito net.

And to think we were on our way to a spiritual thing, where a module on death and resurrection had been prepared! One of the exercises Gilda asked her students to do was to pick one object, out of many on a table, that best symbolized each of them.

Dean Malay went for the knife, stood up and eloquently explained, as the compulsive notetaker in me went to work, "A knife can either kill or heal. In the hands of a good surgeon, it is a life-giving instrument. So to me a knife has a double meaning."

Nonoy Ozaeta came in to describe each participant's guardian angel. He said Dean Malay's Ainaniel (the angel's name) was wearing a green



DEAN Malay received Metrobanks' Distinguished Leadership in Journalism Award in 2001.

robe with a gold band around it. She had a thick gold necklace in the middle of which was something also green and growing.

Ainaniel (the "el" at the end of an angel's name means God) was also the tallest in the room. Nonoy told the dean, "Her job is

to make you whole." The angel even had a message from the dean's wife, Paula Carolina Santos, who died in 1993: "Do not be afraid."

Meeting the inevitable

Fast forward to 2003. In early

May, Mariel Francisco, Gilda's co-facilitator (and incidentally co-author of their joint autobiographies "Ladies' Lunch and Other Ways to Wholeness" and "A Spiritual Pillow Book"), asked if I would write about



CHACRA'S Goldies Workshop, open to people 60 years old and above, will be held in the mornings of June 10, 17 and 24.

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The glamour goldie pupil remembered

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Chacra's next Goldies Workshop scheduled on three mornings (June 10, 17 and 24) at the center's digs at 59 C. Salvador Street, Loyola Heights, Quezon City.

The goals remained basically the same:

To realize the significance of each stage of life;

To share the joys of growing old gracefully; and

To let go of baggage and befriend the inevitable (this is the "d" word—death).

The activities lined up are similar to the ones Dean Malay gamely went through: mini-lectures, story telling, picture taking, sharing meals (*garantisadong delicioso* since the whole

affair is mainly Gilda's "gift to the world," in co-facilitator Maria Abulencia's words, during the former's birth month), dancing (yep, the dean waltzed with a boyish grin on his face), body movement, rituals, art-making and quieting.

On May 13, Gilda hosted a *merienda* at her house on Panay Avenue, not too far from Dean Malay's place. I was supposed to bring him over as a guest, but he was in deep slumber—"sleeping like a baby" in his daughter Bobbie's words.

New recruits, including widows of two National Artists, heritage conservationist Consuelo Dancel Sison, composer-sportsman-actor Jose "Pepe" Cenizal

whose famous trial for the "abduction" of a Clemenla lass (eventually dismissed) Malay covered as a young reporter, were familiarized with Gilda's intentions.

Gilda said, "The workshop is all about attending to the fears and angers of the aged. It's on the soul rather than on the body level. It's about making your last years meaningful. I was unhappy as a child and when I was growing up. But it is good to learn something from your life, even with the pain. I'm happier being old. The years after 60 are grace years. You're there because of the grace of God."

Sally Evangelista, her former classmate and co-facilitator, added, "What's meant by grace here is you don't even deserve it, but it is still given to you."

Don't grow cynical

Before going to Gilda's, I spent about two hours in the Malay compound in Heroes Hill, hoping the dean would waken and my friend from Baguio, to whom he had left his precious philatelic collection, could personally thank him for the bequest.

Bobbie wondered aloud if her relationship with her dad would ever move to a deeper level beyond what he perceived her role in his life to be which was replenishing his household and other supplies. "Ubo na ang sigarilyo ko (I've run out of cigarettes)," he'd growl.

The lesson Bobbie learned from his long life and passed on to her own journalism students was this: Don't grow cynical as you stay longer in your intended profession—seen all, done all—to the point that you lose your sense of wonder and are no longer amused by anything.

When the dean was finally brought to Capitol Medical Center and he continued his co-



SOLID AND PURE. (standing, from left) Salud Evangelista, Gilda Cordero-Fernando and Consuelo Sison; (seated) Emy Arcellana, Narita Gonzales, Olivia and Pepe Cenizal; (foreground) Maria Abulencia and Mariel Francisco

matose sleep, just a few hours before he exhaled his last on May 15, Bobbie repeated how important it was to cultivate a spiritual side to one's life.

I left the hospital room at 10 that night. One word kept running in my mind as a cab brought me home: "Go. Go. Go." It was a technique my colleague, Amadis Ma. Guerrero, taught me on how to "talk" to a loved person in a coma. Make it a guardian angel-to-guardian angel thing. Hey, Ainaniel, listen up!

This piece gave me a chance to revisit Gilda's words recorded in my notebook from the first workshop. Did these words ever sink in the dean's mind as they were being said on that day in July four years ago? "The angel of death is one of the most beautiful God has created because her task is to bring us home. Instead of wings, she wears a bright aura."

Gilda later wrote, "The big angel gives us back our wings, and we are happy to get them back, to experience again the divine with-

out the encumbrance of a body."

In her humorous vein, she closed, "We will dedicate the next Goldies to Lolo Mando. After all he was our star, our glamour pupil. And the recital of his woes was always impressive."

The workshop is open to people 60 years old and above. Those with senior citizen cards get a 20 percent discount; 40 percent off for those above 80. A golden offer indeed. Call Chacra at 434-5381 or e-mail chacracenter@yahoo.com.

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Jun. 02, Mon. — SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE 1. Let Ms. Marianne de Leon, the cookbook author and culinary demonstrator treat you to her no fuss entertainment meal such as Stomach, Binokol, Pinaputok na Isda, Gufay na Ubod, Pancit Hab-hab and a special dessert for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS

Jun. 03, Tues. — EVERYBODY LOVES CHICKEN 1. Chicken dishes from Chef Junjun for the whole family to enjoy. Chicken Pernis, Dutch Oven Roast Chicken, Spanish Chicken Stew, Chicken Teriyaki, Oven Baked Chicken and Pollo Parmigiana for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Jun. 04, Wed. — JAPANESE RICE AND NOODLES. Recipes from Chef Aoki that include Tongkatulod, Gyoza, Cuyadon, Yakitori, Zarusoba, Niku Udon and Wakame Soba for P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Jun. 05, Thurs. — TEAHOUSE SPECIALTIES 1. Take the specialties of the best teahouses from Chef Gene Gonzalez and prepare them in your kitchen – simply! Recipes include Spicy Eggplant in Pot, Braised Soy Beef, Shrimp Dumpling, Amoy Lumpia, Drunken Chicken and Favorite Lemon Chicken for P1,500.00 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Jun. 06, Fri. — GREAT TASTING SALADS 1. Let's make all these salads and it maybe the next sandwich filling, pasta sauce or the main course dish itself. Chef Jun-jun will show you how to make the following: Chicken, Pecan and Grape Salad, Spinach and Pear Layer with Warm Bacon Sauce, Smoked Salmon Topped Iceberg Lettuce with Lemon Capers Dressing, Watercress and Salmon Mix with Raspberry Vinaigrette, Fatty-Fatty Tomato with Molasses Salad Sauce and Arugula, Mango and Prosciutto Salad. From 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. for P1,500.00 including all ingredients. Plus a bonus recipe to go with your salad

Jun. 07, Sat. — THAI FAVORITES 2. The recipes from Thai Chef Chanya Thakipul. Tom Kha Yait, Sagoong Rice, Roasted Duck Curry, Crispy Cauliflower with Green Mango Salad, Thai Haha-haha for P1,200.00 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Recipes include all ingredients

Jun. 08, Sun. — GENE'S FAVORITE PASTA SAUCES 1. Seafood in Saffron Crème & Prosciutto, Squid Ink, Vegetarian White Cheese and Herbs, Sicilian Tuna Roe and many more are the recipes that Chef Aini will teach us. P880.00 including ingredients from 9:00 – 12:00 noon

Jun. 09, Mon. — EVERYBODY LOVES CHICKEN 2. The second time around for Chef Junjun this time sharing his old homestyle chicken dishes. Chicken Adobo with Kamatis, Spanish Chicken Rice, Chicken in Seven-up, Salpicon, Italian Chicken Stew and Chicken Liver Pate for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Jun. 10, Tues. — BASIC SUSHI AND SASHIMI WORKSHOP 2. Recipes from Chef Aoki of Osaka, Japan for the 2nd part of his Sushi and Sashimi Workshop that include Trimming of Flat Fish, Sushi Rice, Rainbow Roll, Futomaki Roll, Tamagoyaki, Gari (Pickled Ginger) and Ahi (Pickled Fish) for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Jun. 11, Wed. — FAVORITE LAMB DISHES. Chef Gino Gonzalez and Junjun de Guzman will do these simple and tempting lamb dishes for everyone to enjoy. Lamb Kakerella, Italian Lamb Chops, Braised Lamb Shanks in Aromatic Vegetables, Roast Leg of Lamb, Pistachio Crusted Rack of Lamb with Sauces and Sides to accompany. Recipes include all ingredients for P1,800.00 from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Jun. 12, Thurs. — SPANISH ENTERTAINING MEAL. You've got Company! Let Chef Belina show you the absolute way of entertaining. The recipes are Chicken Stuffed Dates, Chicken in Orange Walnut Sauce, Cold Tenderloin Served in Virgin Marinade, Sole with Hazelnuts and Prawn, Deluxe Mushroom on Breadtop and Lemon and Garlic Flavoured Mussels for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Jun. 13, Fri. — SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE 2. A sequel to Ms. Marianne de Leon, the cookbook author and culinary demonstrator's no fuss entertainment meal. Pumpkin Soup with Basil, Baked Lamb Shanks, Chocolate Zucchini Cake, Fruits and Lettuce in Mustard Dressing and more recipes you will enjoy in this afternoon class. The fee is P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Jun. 14, Sat. — THAI BARBECUE 1. Different kinds of genuine Thai Barbecue with sauces and side dish from Chef Chanya like Chicken Barbecue, Grilled Catfish, Grilled Pork Belly, Grilled Pork Spareribs with Different Kinds of Sauces and Papaya Salad for P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Jun. 15, Sun. — THE CHAB IS KING 2. Chef Gene Gonzalez will teach Crab Hongkong Sampaan Style, Malaysian Curried Crab Assam Style, Crab Glutinous Rice in Pot, Peleasin Alimango, Peppered Fried Crab, Crab Solahong P880.00 from 9:00–12:00 noon. Recipes include all ingredients

Jun. 16, Mon. — MODERN AND EASY PASTA SAUCES 2. Great and new sauces from Chef Junjun for everyone to enjoy, for cafe owners, hobbyists and wives that includes Tomato and Sausage, Italian Meatballs, Pink Sauce Ham and Tomato Cream, Roasted Vegetables in Olive Oil and Smoked Tangungue with Cream Cheese from 1:00–4:00 p.m. for P1,500.00 including all ingredients

Jun. 17, Tues. — THE SPOON DESSERTS. Chef Junjun will make his popular easy to do desserts served and eaten with a spoon. Great for instant parties and big catering jobs. His line-up are the following: Strawberry Cream Magic, Raspberry and Mandarin Gelatine, Tiramisu Now, Apple Bake with Cinnamon Sauce, Cappuccino Pancakes, Bread and Butter Pudding and Chocolate Budini. P1,200.00 from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. including all ingredients

Jun. 18, Wed. — SPECIAL EVERYDAY MEALS 2. Chef Gino will teach us another set of easy to do meals like Stuffed Mushrooms, Salsiccia, Chicken ala King in Piliyo Caps, Pernis with Four Cheese Sauce, Salmon Meuniere with Lemon Oil Veloute, Bananas with Rum and Raisins. Recipes include all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. for P1,200.00

Jun. 19, Thurs. — BREADS. Learn bread-making with Chef Anna Baluyot our Pastry Chef, the recipes are Pan de Sal, Ensamblado, Pan de Bist, Pan de Puto, Pan de Limon, Molletes Eggless de Sal and Kamote or Ube Bread from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. including all ingredients for P1,500.00. NEW CLASS.

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Jun. 22, Sun. — SIMPLE CHINESE MEAL FOR THE HOME 1. Learn exotic flavors and delicious meals with just stir-fry method from Chef Gene's recipe collection. Recipes include Black Sauce Spareribs, Three Colored Eggs, Steamed Crab with Eggs, Oyster Omelet with Fermented Bean Curd, Spicy Dry Chicken Curry and Sautéed Fish and Chicken Fried Rice for P880.00 including all ingredients from 9:00 – 12:00 noon

Jun. 23, Mon. — VIETNAMESE COOKING 1. Learn delicious Vietnamese Cuisine from Nga Nguyen de Lemos, owner of Vietnamese Food House. Recipes include Pho Bo (Beef Noodle Soup), Goi Cuon (Fresh Springrolls with Shrimp and Pork), Pho Ap Chao (Fried Rice Sticks noodles with Squid and Shrimps), Cha Cha Truong Long (Grilled Fish with Hot Pot), Banh Xao (Vietnamese Omelette), Phosao Bo (Sautéed Holan with Beef and Kailan Leaves) and Cha Dau Xanh (Yellow Beans with Coconut Milk) for P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Jun. 24, Tues. — SUMPTUOUS SALMON. Let Chef Gino teach you 6 unique and tasty ways to cook Salmon that can be used in catering or for entertaining. Recipes include Salmon Canneloni, Salmon Croquettes with Deli-Mustard Sauce, Herb Crusted Salmon Fillet with Capser Butter Blanc, Spinach Salmon Lasagne with Salmon Gratin, Salmon Mousse with Fish Roe in Horseshoe Sauce and Poached Salmon Paupiette with Lemon-Basil Whisk Butter Sauce for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Jun. 25, Wed. — SPECIAL EVERYDAY MEALS 3. Buffalo Wings, Breaded Calamari with Cocktail Sauce, Gruyere and Bacon Souffle, Herbed Tuna Casserole, Roasted Gourmet Chicken and Mocha Mud Pie are the recipes from Chef Gino. All the recipes include all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Jun. 26, Thurs. — SPANISH TAPAS. Belina Legarda brings you to a world of Spanish Tapas – Appetizers served especially for parties. Recipes include Clams and Mussels in Green Sauce, Special Croquettes with Chicken Bits, Shrimps and Mushrooms with Almond Puree, Squid Cooked in Beer, "Sol y Sombra" Tenderloin Strips Served with Brandy Dip and Dill Potatoes with Valencia Orange Topping for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Jun. 27, Fri. — SPECIAL BARS. Learn a new set of delectable bar recipes from Chef Adoree Chang-uy which are perfect for a home-based business. Recipes include Chocolate Raspberry Bars, Date and Apple Squares, Sour Cream Strudel Bars, Sesame Squares, Almond Bars and Lemon Squares for P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Jun. 28, Sat. — HOUSE WARMING DESSERTS. Lemon Passion Pavlova and Tiramisu are some of the recipes Chef Buddy of Park Avenue Desserts will be demonstrating that we can use in house-warming or parties. For P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Jun. 29, Sun. — SUNDAY DISHES. Delicious hearty and family meals is what Chef Gene offers such as Lengua Sulphure, Pescado con Mayonesa, Callos, Roast Chicken with Apple and White Sausage Stuffing with Caramelized Onion Sauce, Baked Leeks with Gruyere and Sopa de Flea for P880.00 from 9:00 – 12:00 noon including all ingredients

Jun. 30, Mon. — VIETNAMESE COOKING 2. A sequel to Chef Nga Nguyen de Lemos Vietnam cuisine for you to enjoy, the recipes are Cha Gio Tom (Fried Springroll with Shrimps), Goi Buoi Hai Sang (Pomelo Salad with Jellyfish), Cha Kho To (Caramelized Fish in Hot Pot), Banh Xao (Vietnamese Omelette), Phosao Bo (Sautéed Holan with Beef and Kailan Leaves) and Cha Dau Xanh (Yellow Beans with Coconut Milk) for P1,200.00 from 1:00–4:00 p.m. including all ingredients

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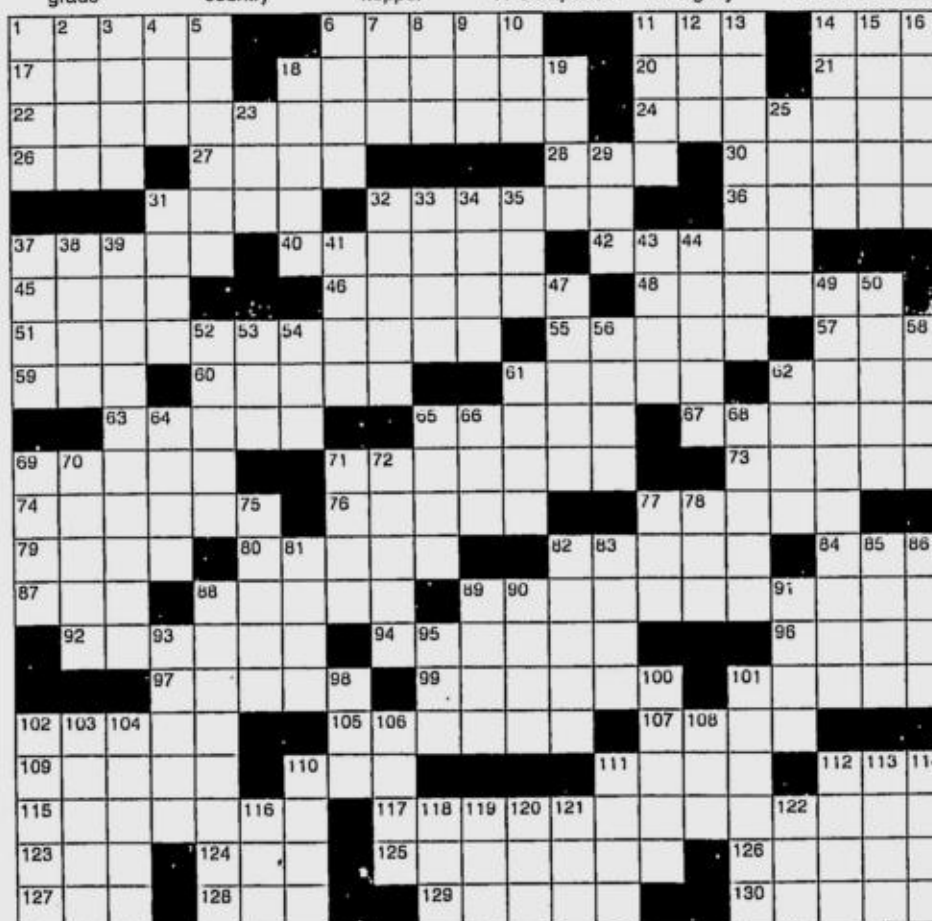
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Defying and embracing aging

By Grace Shangkuan Koo
Contributor

IT IS a blessing to be a middle-aged daughter of an octogenarian mom. This is because I can understand aging from a role model who has many of the signs of aging but defies it. This is because I have the opportunity to observe how aging can be embraced as part of everyday life.

At 85, Mom still climbs three flights of stairs to office every day, does some accounting for the family business, goes to the bank alone, reads stacks of newspapers, enjoys good food, listens to sermons without dozing off, and is updated on the schedules of her nine children, 26 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren—who can beat that?

If we hadn't been too paranoid about the prospect of her slipping, she could still be doing her shopping at the wettest, most crowded market.

If there had been no retirement age for duties in the church, she could still be taking down minutes, by hand, of the church consistory board. Not that she is driven or ambitious, but she takes any duty as a sacred trust.

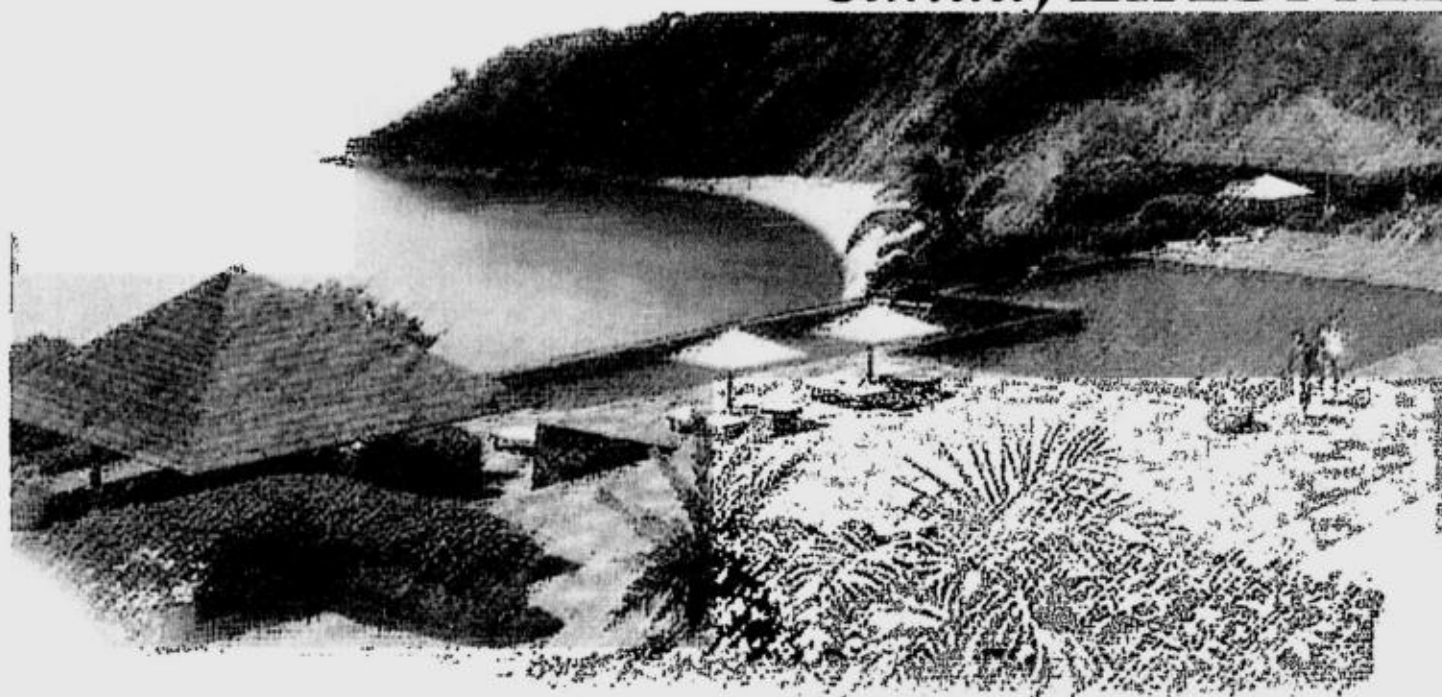
There are some things that never change. Mom has always been a faithful user of Suave hair product, Angel Face powder and Safeguard soap as long as I can remember. She still takes a cold bath daily—one of the most enjoyable highlights of her day.

No word describes her better than "simplicity." She is simple in her outlook—simple in wants, relationships, appearance, wishes, joys and questions.

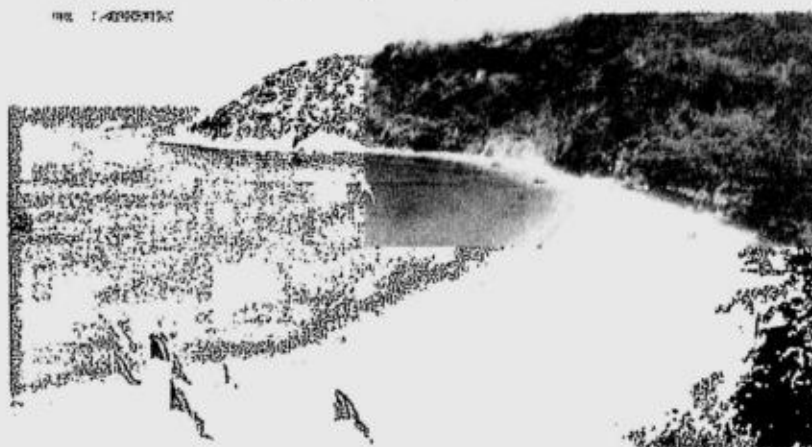
Although her memory has been declining, her hair has turned gray, her weight has increased, her teeth bad, her back stooped and has been widowed for seven years, she looks at aging as the most natural thing in the world.

Growing up, we did not hear her complain—about the large family, budget constraints, freedom curtailment, menopause, career or lack-of-career woes, empty-nest syndrome, in-law problems, and varied sorts of angst. She takes one day at a time, with tasks to do and appointments to keep.

Mom shows us life as it is—without discontent, struggle, contradiction, or dispute. She has an almost Zen-like attitude. The barest necessities, the most essential meaning of life, a gracious acceptance of life and its blessing—these are her legacy.



ARTIST'S perspective of edge pool overlooking Bamboo Beach (left). The beach, the best for swimming in Batangas, as it looks today (below).



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Kawayan will have an amphitheater, nature parks and nature trails, viewing gazebos, a meditation point at the southern promontory, as well as tennis and basketball courts and other amenities. Electrical, telecommunications and cable television networks will be laid underground to preserve natural panoramic vistas.

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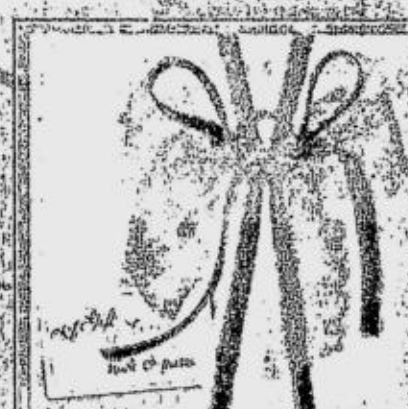


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BAYANIHAN JOINS DANCE FEST IN SPAIN

Members of Bayanihan, the National Folk Dance Company of the Philippines, pose for photographers before leaving for Castellon and Alava, both in Spain. They will be participating in the "L'Antiga Corona D'Arago" in Castellon and "XIV International Folkloric Festival of Alava." Led by Suzie Moya Benitez, Bayanihan executive director, those who left for Spain were Ferdinand Jose, Girard Manuel, Rolly Manayan, Ferdinand Orbacedo, Elmer Ardiente, Flowbert Orbacedo, John Henry Escultura, Timoteo Basco, Laurence Leong, Reynaldo Tuano, Noel Muyot and Melito Vale Cruz. The female Bayanihan performers who left were Cherry May Cabiao, Maggie Mae Castro, Frances Anne Meneses, Charmagne Garcia, Rowena Bicaldo and Irina Feleo.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE



Here comes the bride, all dressed in RTW

SHANTUNG bustier accented with silver beaded scalloped top with matching full skirt cut along princess lines by Efrén Ocampo.

EFRÉN Ocampo and Mike de la Rosa are adding ready-to-wear wedding gowns to their collections at the SM Boutique Square this June.

Ocampo says he has been getting a lot of inquiries from customers. They would go to SM and would end up buying his ecru formal

dress to use as wedding gowns."

On the other hand, de la Rosa's wedding gowns last year sold pretty well. That encouraged him to have a bigger collection this year.

Both designers are thinking more of the modern bride for their ready-to-wear items. Ocampo says the woman who will buy his RTW wedding gown is a busy career woman who does not have the time to go through

endless fittings. She's stylish, romantic, but very practical.

De la Rosa, whose gowns will cost around P6,500, says the bride is also working on a tight budget.

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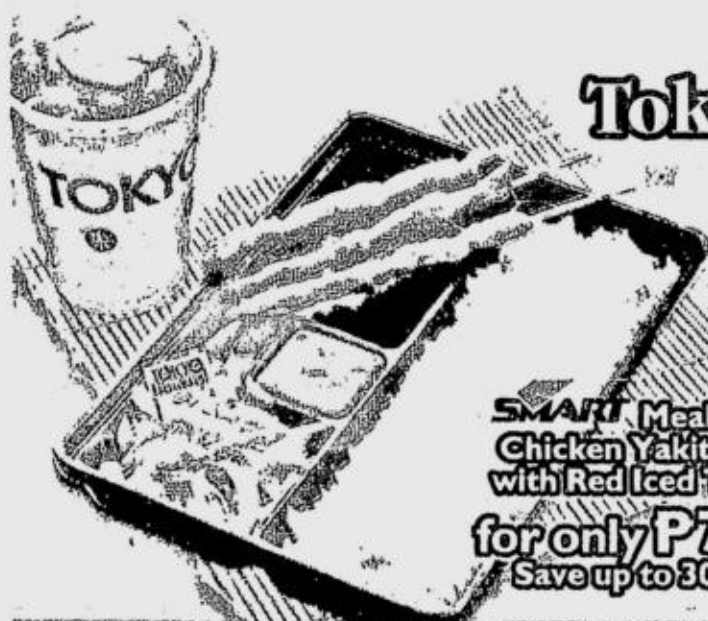
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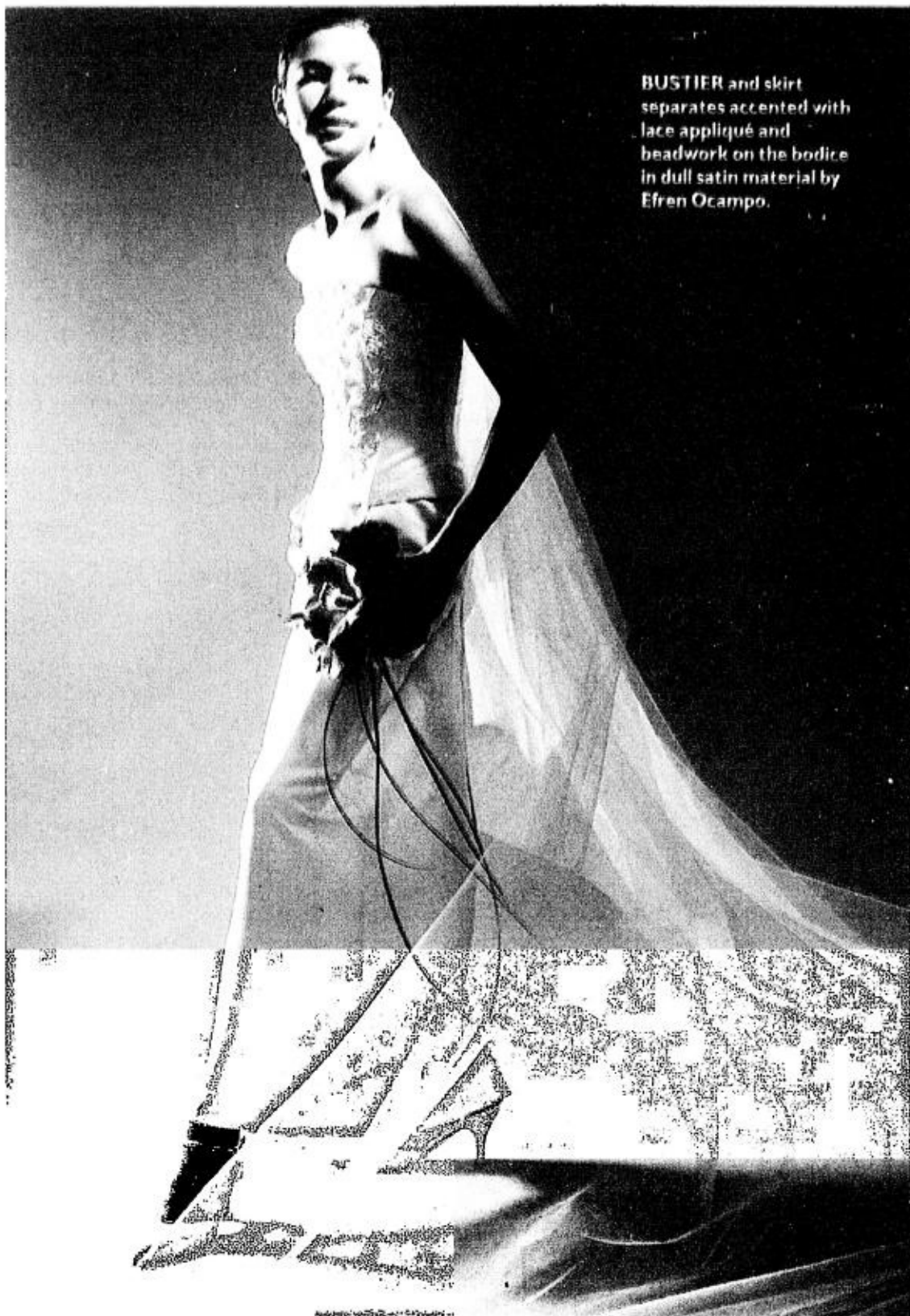


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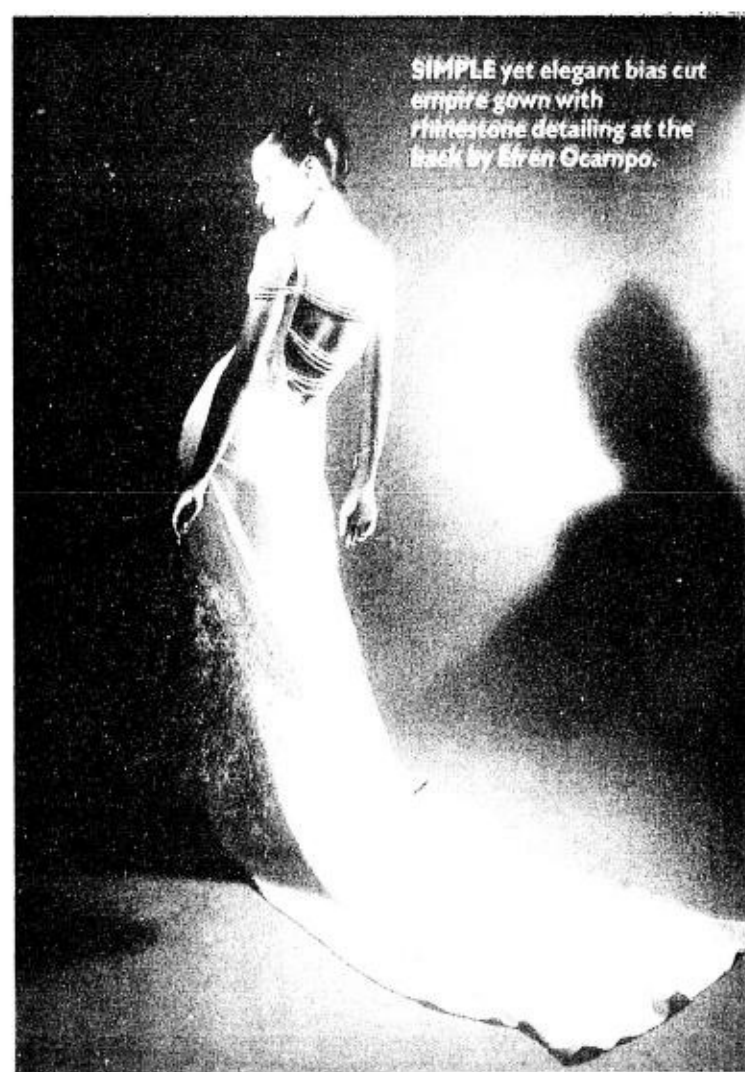
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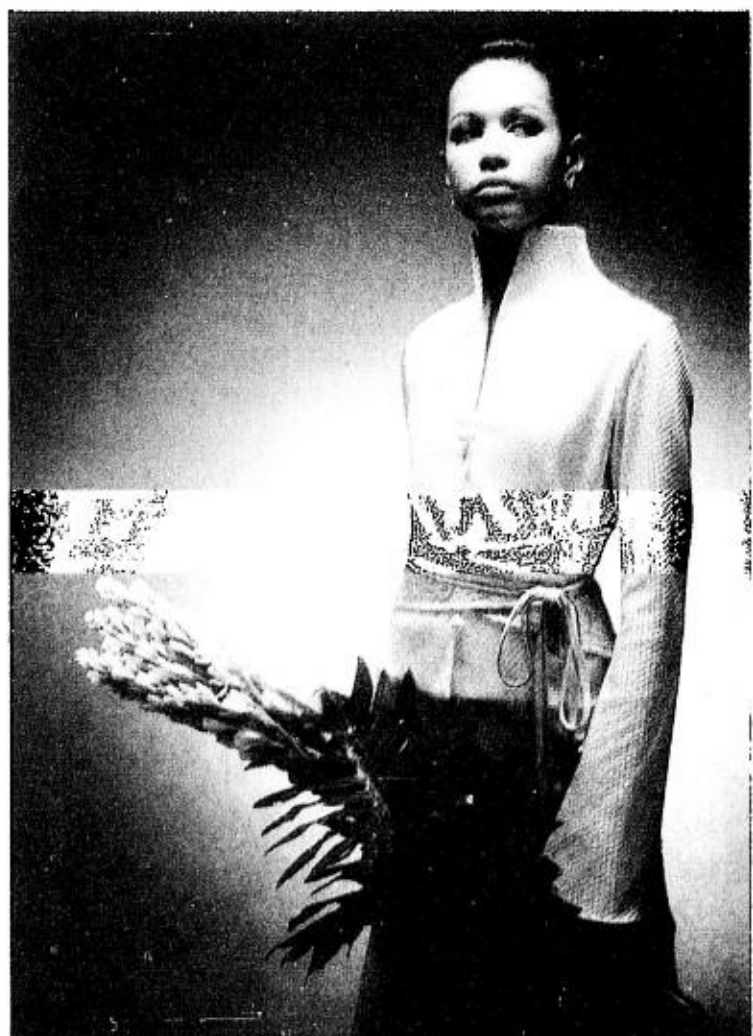
silver, a chiffon gown with intricate embroidery on the veil, and a lace top with bell sleeves and bow accents worn with a silk crepe skirt. His silhouettes range from the classic princess cut and A-line to modern body-conscious cuts. Fabrics include duchesse satin, silk chiffon, and silk crepe.

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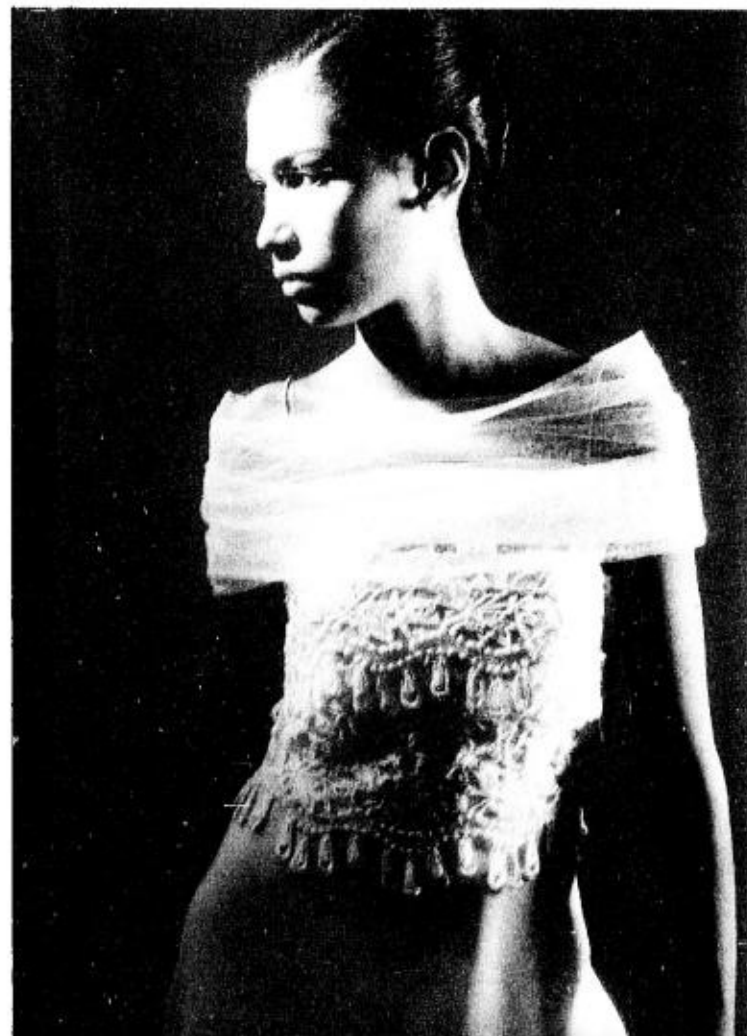
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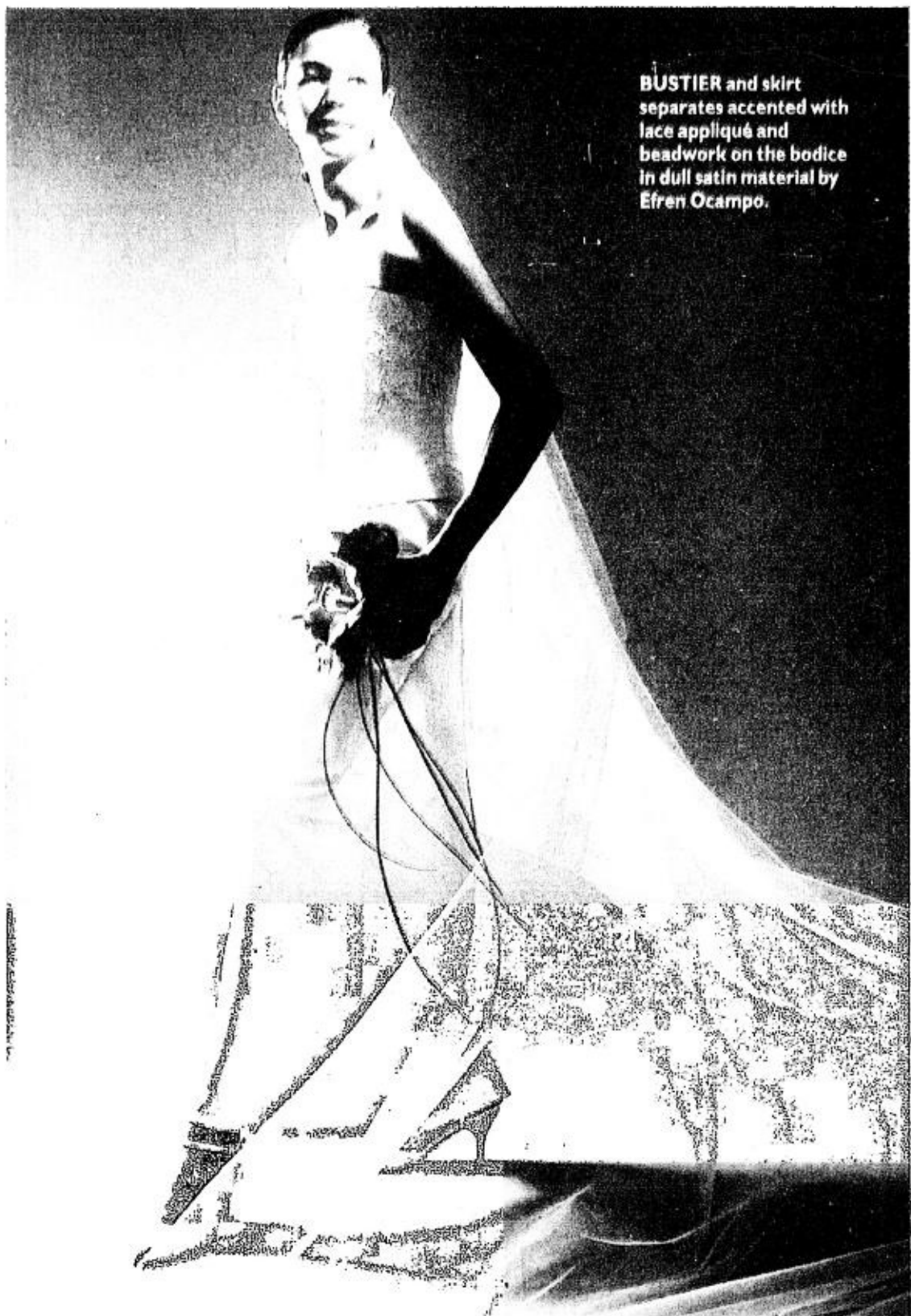


EFREN Ocampo's spaghetti-strapped chiffon gown with intricate guipure lace detailing.

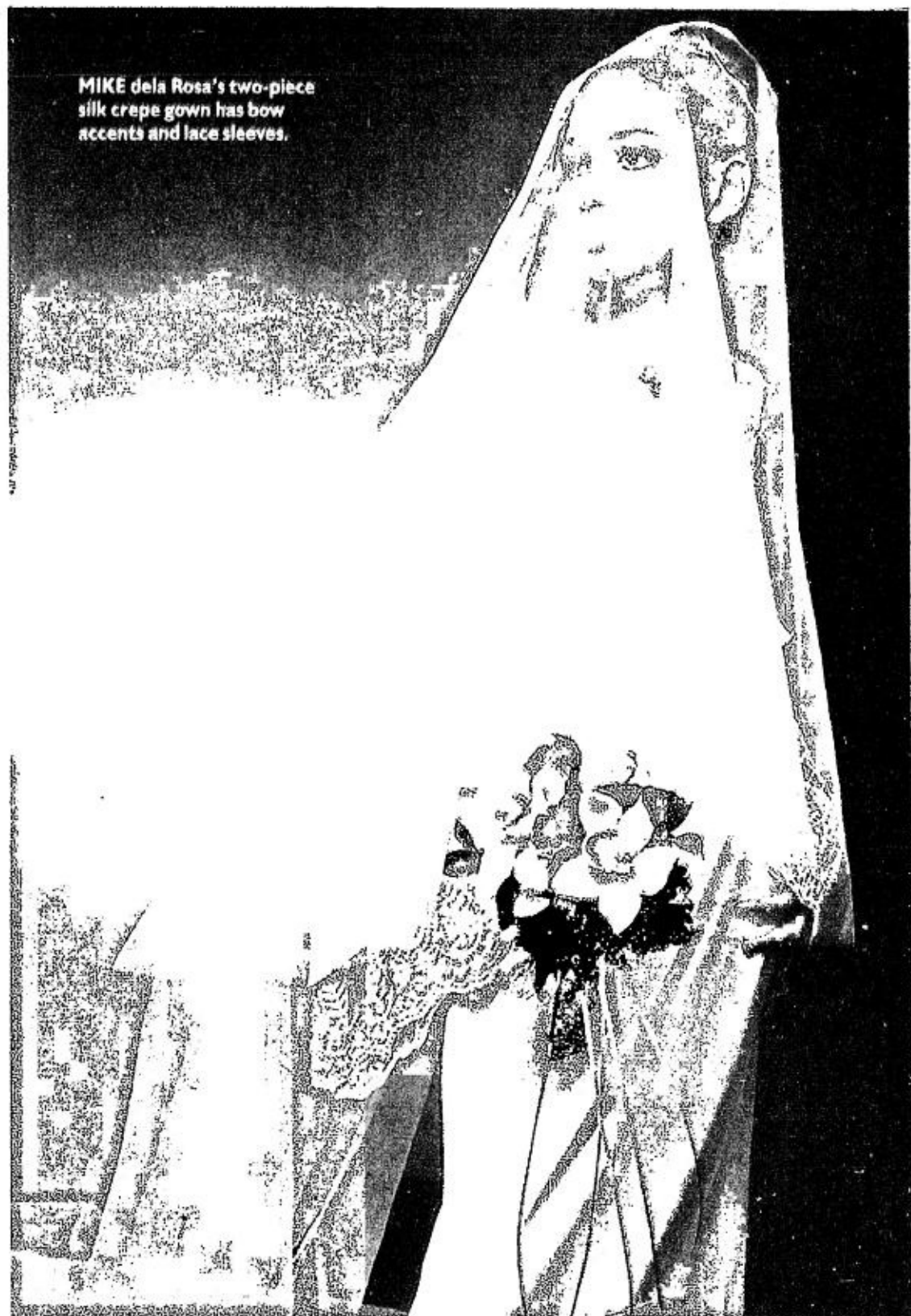


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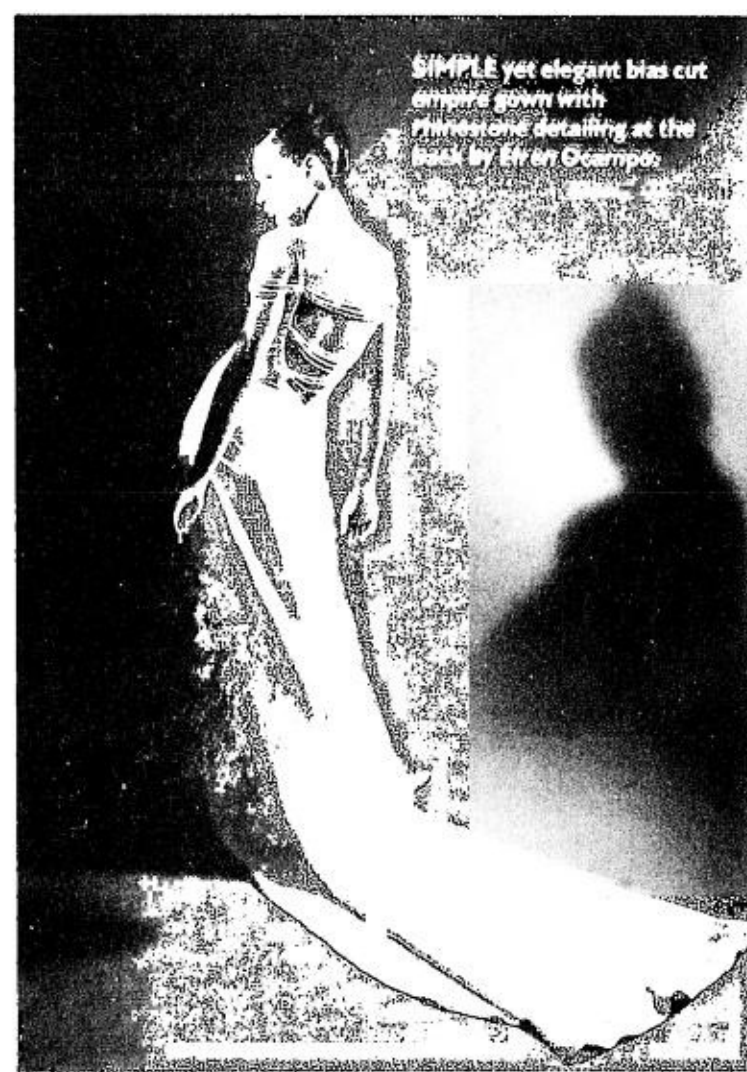
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Philippine parish commemorates Our Lady of Hope apparition in France

OUR Lady of Hope Parish in Bagong Pag-asa, Quezon City, is dedicated to the title of the Virgin Mary when she appeared to Eugene Barbadette on Jan. 17, 1871, in Pontmain, France, giving hope at the time when war was going on between France and Prussia. By Jan. 17, 1971, the Prussians were just across the river from Laval, the city next to Mayenne.

When Eugene went to the barn door to check the weather, he noticed an unusual sight at Augustine Guidecoq's house, 70 ft above the roof. He saw a beautiful lady.

The Lady was dressed in a flowing robe of deep, radiant blue studded with gold stars. The sleeves were full, extending to the hands. On her feet, she was wearing blue slippers tied with gold ribbon in the shape of a rosette.

Her hair was completely covered with a black veil thrown over her shoulders and reaching down to her elbow. On her head, a gold crown rose slightly to a peak and had no ornament except for a red band circling the center. Her hands were extended without the rays of light seen in the Miraculous Medal apparition.

Neighbors gathered in front of this vision. They started to sing hymns and prayed the Rosary, as stars gathered by twos below the Lady's feet, as if representing the Hail Mary's of the Rosary.

Then a white banner, about a yard wide, unrolled beneath the Lady's feet. Here was spelled the message: "But pray, my children, God will soon grant your request. My Son allows Himself to be moved by compassion."

The apparition lasted about three hours.

While this was going on, Gen. Von Schmidt of the Prussian Army, about to run through Laval toward Pontmain, received orders from his commander not to take the city. The invasion of the Catholic West never came about.

On Jan. 23, 1871, the long-hoped armistice was signed. The promised "God will soon grant your request," delivered by Our Lady of Hope, had been fulfilled.

How did the image reach the Philippines?

While the church of the QC parish was being built in 1964, enlarging the kubo chapel built in the 1950s on a lot donated by Segunda Alcantara, Fr. Alfredo Reyes, OP, asked his assistant, Fr. Rodolfo Gallardo, to devote his time to Bagong Pag-asa. In his search for the title of Our Lady as patroness of the parish, Father Gallardo received from a cousin a leaflet of novena prayers to Our Lady of Hope, with a picture of Our Lady in Essex, New York.

On Jan. 17, 1971, Father Reyes finally received a statue of Our Lady.

The parish covers Bagong Pag-asa, Teresa and Carmel subdivisions, including BLISS and SM City. Its first parish priest was Msgr. Marcelino Montemayor.

Today, the feast of Our Lady of Hope, parish priest Fr. Arnel Recinto celebrates the fiesta Mass at 6:45 a.m., to be broadcast on Radio Veritas. High Mass is at 9:45 a.m.

Mary's shrine in Wisconsin, USA

Hubertus, Wisconsin, is the site of the national shrine of Mary, Help of Christians, which my friend Billy Rocas visited for the first time in 2001.

He, his mother, former Legazpi Mayor Mely Rocas, and his brother Dr. Ramon Rocas, went there on a pilgrimage last February to pray for the

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recovery of Msgr. Ralph Salazar, Mayor Rocas' nephew and parish priest of St. John the Baptist Parish in Tabaco, Albay.

Msgr. Salazar had a quadruple bypass operation in Chicago on Feb. 11. He was suffering from so much pain and the feeling of being bloated.

When they came back from the pilgrimage, the priest was feeling much better, saying he felt the hand of Mama Mary healing him. He just came back from the States to resume his duties as parish priest.

The shrine of Our Lady is a neo-Romanesque church with stained-glass windows and mosaics. Just 30 miles northwest of Milwaukee, it is visible for miles in all directions. The spires of Holy Hill soar to the heavens.

Pilgrims walk along the half-mile Way of the Cross, life-size group sculptures representing the Passion of Jesus. Others pray at the Lourdes Grotto or stroll around 400 wooded acres of Wisconsin's Ice Age Trail.

Opening off the main body of the church is a chapel with a statue of Mary presenting her Son to the world. Crutches and other mementos line up one wall of the entrance, evidence of the miracles that have happened here.

Disclaled Carmelite friars operate the church and the retreats held here. For more info, please write to them at 1525 Carmel Road, Hubertus, Wisconsin 53033-9407, USA, call (262) 682-1838, or visit www.holyhill.com

Musical bouquet for Mary

This month, Jay Gomez and the Jesuit Music Ministry of the Jesuit Communications Foundation offer a different bouquet to our Mother, as they present "Marian Matins: Hymns of Our Lady in String Quartet." The program features favorite Marian hymns, composed by Jesuits and laity, as interpreted by a string quartet.

"Marian Matins" follows the tradition of "Lauds" and "Vespers" in providing instrumental music for meditation. But where "Lauds" features the piano of Bro. Arnel Aquino, SJ, and "Vespers" fuses flute and guitar, "Matins" follows the tradition of chamber music, featuring performances by Jeremy Dadap (violin 1 and 2), Lauro Valentino Cad (viola), Nino Llorin (cello), Ariel Arambulo (violin 1) and Corinna Lapena (violin 2).

Fr. Eddie Hontiveros' "Magnificat" and "Maria, Bukang-Liwayway," Fr. Maoling Francisco's "Stella Maris" and "Marian Ina Ko," Fr. Nemy Que's "Aba, Ginoong Maria" and Bro. Aquino's "Oyayi" all find new interpretations in the harmonies of chamber music.

As May flowers make a bouquet, the violins, viola and cello make the prayer that is "Marian Matins."

Lipa's pipe organ blessed

San Sebastian Cathedral in Lipa, Batangas, is richer with a newly restored pipe organ blessed by Archbishop Gau-

dencio Rosales on May 2.

A pipe organ concerto featuring organists Armando Salazar, Fr. Manny Marfori, Fr. Bong Panganiban and Rodel Garcia followed after the Mass. Also featured were the Festival Choir of Las Piñas, St. Scholastica's College Chamber Orchestra and the Seraphim of Lipa City.

Being one of only 59 units in the Philippines and the only one in Batangas, the 1,500-stoplist mechanical pipe organ took two years to repair and rehabilitate at a cost of P3.3 million. The Diego Cera Organ builders did the job. Parish priest Msgr. Alfredo Madlangbayan led in the fundraising.

Our Lady of the Visitation

May 31 is the feast of Our Lady of the Visitation. The Church of St. Catherine in Carcar, Cebu, has a miraculous image of Our Lady of the Visitation inspired by a dream of a devotee who was told by the Virgin that she wanted her image to be enshrined in the old church.

I had an occasion to visit the church with Edna Toral years ago. A prayer taken from the Roman Sacramentary was printed in Cebuano. I asked Leonida Clava Arcilla to translate the prayer into English.

Those who want copies may write to me. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Santacruzan in Ramon, Tarlac

The Parish of St. Therese of the Child Jesus in Ramos, Tarlac, will hold a grand santacruzan on May 31, after the blessing of the life-size image of the Blessed Virgin.

Sacerdotal anniversary

Fr. Arwyn Diesta, rector of Our Lady of Peñafrancia Seminary in Sorsogon, Sorsogon, will celebrate his 25th anniversary as a priest today, which is also his birthday.



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 - Second, you can win in the mall raffle draw to be conducted on June 22, 2003 at Robinsons Galleria.
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- To join the art competitions:

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- To join the Mall Raffle and Grand Raffle Draws, just fill out the raffle coupon with your name, address, telephone number, affix signature and drop in designated drop boxes at all participating outlets.
- If raffle coupons are dropped during the mall event on June 22, 2003 at Robinsons Galleria, the deadline will be at 1 pm.

However, if dropped in the drop boxes of participating stores:

Deadline for dropping of entries	Draw Dates	Time of Draw	Venue
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July 30, 2003	August 15, 2003	3 pm	The New Thinkers Co. Ofc.

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REIGNING BEAUTIES

(from left) Miriam Chui, Mutya ng Pilipinas; April Tanhueco, Miss Manila; and Grace Lee, Miss Chinatown, were sagalas at the recent Intramuros santacruz. They are wearing gowns by Renee Salud, Eddie Baddeo and Edgar Allan, respectively. Dean of Philippine fashion designers Ben Farrales chaired the steering committee.



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Sunday LIFESTYLE

Hello Virgie

IN THE Hello Kitty world, everything is fine and dandy. In whatever fashion state she is in, this lovable fur ball lives in a world of happiness and cheer, free of gossip, rumormongers and extreme conservatives. She is just like Peter Pan who will never grow up.

Moreover, Hello Kitty is in a state of constant bliss. All of this explains her popularity and the unbelievable permutations of Kitty merchandise in the market.

I cannot think of a single item without her logo on it. They range from hair pins to pens, toaster-ovens, bedcovers, portable fans and car seat covers.

Tita Virgie Ramos of Gift Gate has gifted me with Kitty champagne. And in a recent business trip of my hubby, Dennis, to Japan, he got our little daughter Annika a pair of Hello Kitty rain boots and a thermos.

Although I am a late Hello Kitty fan, I totally identify with her state of mind and love the color pink to boot. If there was a company I would like to take over, that would be Gift Gate, which runs the Hello Kitty empire here in the Philippines.

But with all the fake merchandising from Greenhills to Divisoria, maybe I'd rather just be Tita Virgie's good friend, one who gets showered with gifts from not only Hello Kitty but Swatch as well! (I constantly have the latest Swatch in the market, thanks to her!)

Hosting a surprise birthday party for Tita Virgie was not as difficult as I thought.

Timing was the key. First, this lady travels most of the year, and when in town has meetings, meetings and more meetings.

But thanks to her trusty staff, Belle Tison and Gila Garcia to name a few, I made sure she was free that day and invited her to dinner at my house.

To make it less obvious, I even asked her to bring dessert and a cake. It was so classic to ask her to bring food to her own surprise party!

To further surprise her, I even told Tita Virgie the theme of the party, the "colors of summer," which was changed to Arabian Nights the day before the party. That's the trouble with themes for parties—they're too easy to change!

Off timing

The timing was so off that evening, though. Anton San Diego and I were the only ones in the house at 9 p.m.

In fact, the crew of "All About You" with hosts Dawn Zulueta and Karylle had just left the house after taping a feature on my makeover skills.

My yoga room was transformed into an Arabian tent with Persian carpets, huge throw pillows on loan from my party buddy, Patrick

HELLO/13



ANNIKA'S STAR.
Jolina Magdangal



PARTY buddy
Patrick Reyno



GYM BUFFS. Rosan Cruz, Anton San Diego and birthday girl as well, Emily Siy



DETAILS! Details! Pointy shoes!



SPECIAL friend (not in yellow) former President Cory Aquino between Virgie and Ben Ramos

For the woman behind Gift Gate, nothing less than the Arabian Nights—wild carousals, slapstick fumblings and all



HELLO Kitty birthday girl Virgie Ramos with Anton Barretto, Malu Gamboa, Tim Yap and Leah Puyat

Del Monte Spaghetti

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Pasta Tuna Ala Pobre

250g DEL MONTE Spaghetti,
cooked per package directions

1 head garlic, crushed
1/3 cup margarine or butter
1 cube chicken bouillon
1 can (184g.) tuna chunks in oil (include oil)
2 stalks green onions, chopped
1/4 cup parmesan cheese (optional)

1. Brown garlic in margarine and set aside half for topping. Add bouillon cube, tuna (with oil) and half of green onions to pan. Stir until bouillon cube is dissolved. Allow to simmer.

2. Add DEL MONTE Spaghetti and blend well. Top with remaining garlic and green onions. Add parmesan cheese, if desired. Makes 6 servings.



You can't go wrong.

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CHICKEN OR PORK? Cherry Pie Picache gets a nod for depth in "American Adobo" but she should watch that width.



FLESH TRADE. Winning for her role in "Laman," La Oropesa dresses aptly in this Grecian-inspired gown that censors not the flabs.



RED BELTER. It's accessory disaster for newbie Arnie Hidalgo.



"I LOVE YOU, LUCKY!" She quit saying that a long time ago. How can Vilma Santos still be wearing her hair this way?



MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY. Maricel Soriano misses—again—in this unshapely dress.



FALLEN ANGEL. Angelu de Leon plays the innocent debutante but who is she kidding?

Fashion sparklers amid the Piolo Pascual pandemonium

If you cared to look beyond Piolo's magnetic eyes, there were chic notables during the Urian Awards

Text by Cheche V. Moral
Photos by August de la Cruz

HE WALKED past in his pale green barong and fans broke out in delirious, shrieking fits. He shed off his clothes onscreen. He bagged acting trophies left and right. He also... but enough about Piolo Pascual.

FYI, there were actually other noteworthy things during the recent 26th Urian Awards aside from the much-fancied Pascual scoring a best-supporting-actor grand slam.

First, the Manunuri ng Pelikulang Pilipino, the movie critics group that hands out the Urian, proved it could put together a brisk, glitch-free production without falling short on the entertainment factor.

No-shows notwithstanding, the evening was no less glittery as the next show-biz soirée. When you had Vilma Santos, Maricel Soriano et al, who needed sore (expectant) losers and that litter box of appallingly dressed boldies in the room, anyway?

The quintessentially dapper host Edu Manzano sure knew how to keep the audience entertained even through the breaks—without resorting to the "let's-talk-about-me-and-only-me" tact of someone we all know. (And for an awards night free of migraine-inducing I-me-and-myself drivel, were we glad you-know-who "snubbed" the Urian!)

Though the waif-thin Alessandra de Rossi lost the acting plum to Mayor Vi, she scored high in our book for finally picking the look that best accentuated her assets. Her white empire-waist gown with ruffled skirt set off her luscious olive complexion. She was fabulous with her glorious upswept 'do, upstaging at last her sister Assunta, who came dressed in a strategically beaded black halter that flaunted the bod that made Jules Ledesma the object of envy of every hot-blooded male in town. If only Alessandra had her sister's quiet, mysterious mien to go with her glam look... But, of course, you can't do that with a mere change of clothes.

In a fuchsia replica of the Joe Salazar gown Imee Marcos wore to the recent Famas, the luminous Lucy Torres clutched perhaps the hottest accessory of the evening (except for Vilma Santos' trophy, of course): Richard Gomez who, in a pinstripe suit, was decidedly still one of the best-dressed show-biz denizens around. The oft-unkept Yul Servo sure could use some grooming tips from Goma.

Wearing high-heeled Mary Janes and an all-black Rajo Laurel, G Tongi strode in with Epy Quizon. Cherie Gil likewise came in a simple black outfit that partly showed off her lean torso.

Ill-fitting

The fully sequined apron top that looked so hot on Wink boutique's rack lost its shine on Ciara Sotto, who wore it with ill-fitting stretch pants. Ditto for new singer Arnie Hidalgo, who miserably accented her collared halter dress with an unsightly beaded belt.

The evening also brought together the actors that defined '80s movies. Sadly, some came dressed not at par with their fine acting talents.

The trademark loose 'do that worked (and still works) so well on Goldie Hawn looked awful on the otherwise lovely Dina Bonnevie.



COFFEE AND CREAM. Impeccably dressed couple Richard and Lucy Gomez make a perfect brew.



TILL THERE WAS WHO? No thanks to Piolo and this uninteresting column gown, Judy Ann Santos goes unnoticed.



"FALSE-TTO." Ciara Sotto misses a note in black pants that are a size too small.

We know the '80s look was being revived, but does Aqua Net have to make a comeback, too? Eighties' rock-star hair now, football shoulder pads next? Be very afraid.

Admirably back to her "Salome" form, Gina Alajar disappointingly hid her slimmed-down figure in layers and layers of chiffon.

Maricel Soriano came in an unadorned pale matte-gold satin with a gauzy black draping that looked shapeless but was otherwise elegant.

Meanwhile, the two-piece number in warm peach complemented best actress Vilma Santos' coloring. But her hair looked dated, so "VIP". Please, enough of '80s retro already!

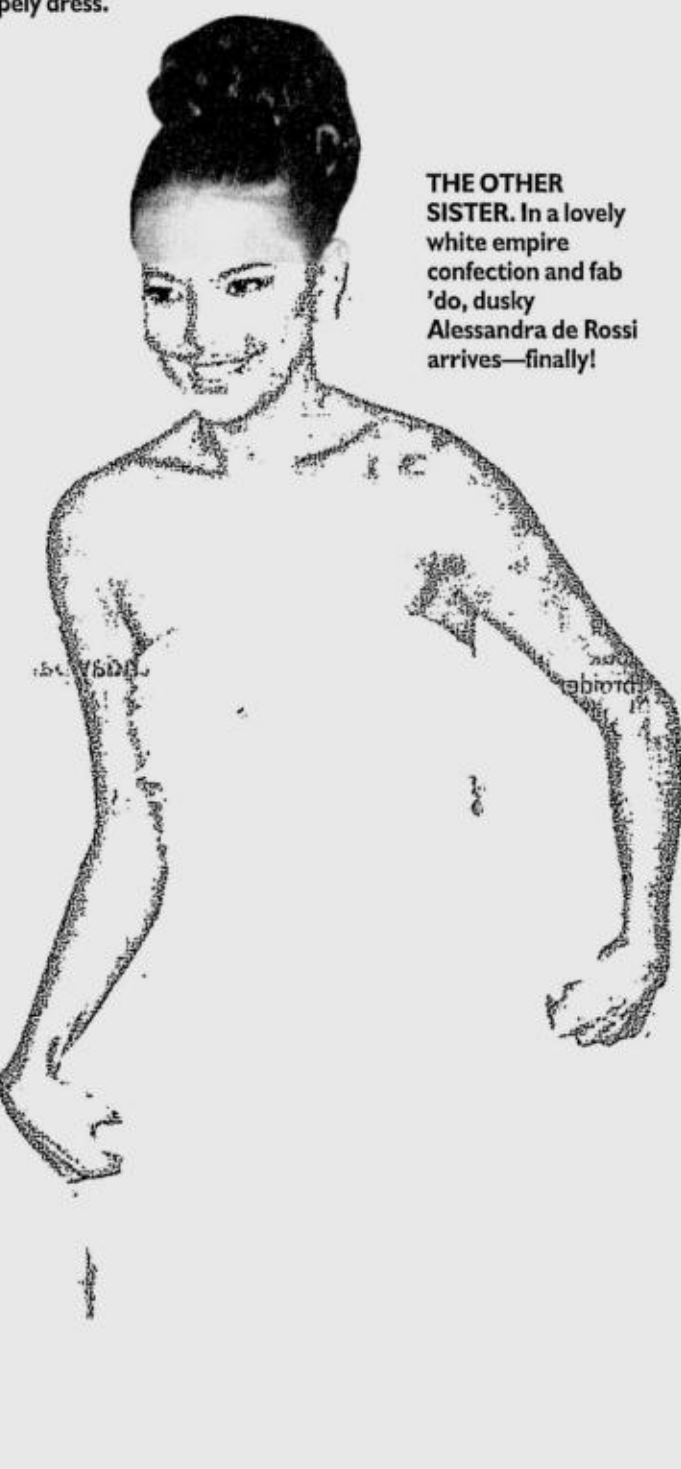
Echoing the peach palette was a fleshier Angelu de Leon, who seemed to have ransacked her baul for that prom/bridesmaid dress of yore.

Regine Velasquez seemed to have done the same with her oft-seen deep V-neck number that showed off her healthy bosom and limbs. Oh, and we won't even go to her à la Bonnevie mane. (Yeah, like wearing a wig would hide the flab!)

Supporting actress winner Elizabeth Oropesa, at first glance, looked okay in an asymmetrically draped pale green outfit, but the extra flesh bulging here and there nearly ruined the look.

Drama princess Judy Ann Santos sported a black column with a mint green—or was it orange?—empire waist. But with onscreen love Piolo's arms wrapped around her half the time, did anybody notice what she was wearing?

Now back to Piolo...



THE OTHER SISTER. In a lovely white empire confection and fab 'do, dusky Alessandra de Rossi arrives—finally!



REGAL SHOCKER. Not even her pretty face or her toned bod could salvage Dina Bonnevie from an '80s rock-star groupie bad hair day



PREVIEW. Assunta de Rossi and Cherie Gil tout their luscious bods in see-through fabrics.



NEW YORK STATE OF MIND. G Tongi shows off her Rajo Laurel threads.

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TALENTED brothers Randy and Rowell Santiago



RHAPSODY in song, Cris Villonco and Jose Llana



SWATCH babe Mikee Cojuangco-Jaworski with hubby Dodot



HAPPY couple Dondi and Kara Alikpala



FOOD wiz Gaita Fores and Talentworks boss Girlie Rodis



GIRL POWER. Ruthie Vera and Bally Aquino Cruz

Hello Virgie

From page 11

Reyno, tussle candle stands from constant décor supplier Anton Barretto and my feathery fuchsia jacket by Joe Salazar as centerpiece (even haute couture has multiple purposes).

And all this was set up in between styling the daughter of Zsa Zsa Padilla, Karylle, with my Rajo Laurel gowns. Unfortunately, they looked better on her than on me. Ah, youth and great genes.

By the time Tita Virgie walked into the house, we had five guests to shout "Surprise!"

She walked in with Jon-jon Rufino, who was in a Middle Eastern get-up and wondered why her "colors of summer" look was different from his.

Oops! Looks like I forgot to text her about the theme change!

Complete with her Proud Mary sunflower bag, she was indeed surprised to find out the party was in her honor although since she was still in "colors of summer" mode, she was now the sunshine among the Arabs present.

Best-dressed couple was the Firma Makati design gurus Chito Vijandre and Ricky Toledo with their authentic kaftans and bejeweled pointy shoes.

The men for once were better dressed than their female counterparts.

Juan Miguel Ongsiako wore an Arab head gear and Jon-jon brought a water pipe.

Aside from my North Indian look, Leah Puyat came in an embroidered cape which had gold Egyptian writing on the sides.

Although there was an overall Mediterranean theme, the food was more like Tita Virgie's favorites, such as my mom's chef's roasted turkey, and lobster and seafood pasta (you know, long noodles for long life).

Joey Carpo and Malu Gamboa brought interesting salads for the vegetarians in the group.

Joey brought a Moroccan salad mix with almonds, dried figs, apricots and a mint with balsamic vinaigrette dressing, while Malu's was an Insalata Gorgonzola.

And for dessert, turtle pie and a Costa Brava birthday cake with "Happy Princess Tessa" written in icing. The "happy" word was in sparklers; it was lit as we sang our birthday greeting.

Annika's fave star, Jolina Magdangal, arrived past midnight



ARAB CHIC. Juan Miguel Ongsiako and Jon-jon Rufino



STYLE GURUS. Chito Vijandre and Ricky Toledo



THE COLORS of summer in an Arabian tent party!

from her taping, so I just took a photo of her to show Annika.

The fanfare ended at four in the morning with the last guests from the INQUIRER, Letty Magsanoc and Chelo Banal-Formoso, arriving after their 2 a.m. closing of the paper. Clearly, we INQUIRER folks share the same time zone.

After we raided the freezer for my kids' twin popsies and pinipig crunch, we called it a night. But Tita Virgie was off to hear Mass in Antipolo with her family at 5 a.m. So all she had to do was to stay up for the homily, which was a challenge.

Real birthday party

For her real birthday party, she hosted a dinner at Margarita Fores' stylish new restaurant Pepato's.

Gaita's birthday gift to Tita Virgie was a caramelized wheel of cambozola with dried figs, apricots, sultanas, hazelnuts, macadamias and almonds.

Her party occupied the entire second floor, which can only be accessed via an avant garde circular glass staircase that goes all the way to the ceiling.

As I entered the party, very late as usual, there seemed to be a tall man standing in front but from the door, it didn't look like he was singing. As I sashayed around him, I realized the voice resounding throughout the place was his, and he was singing so effortlessly with that Broadway style. It was Jose Llana, who was with Lea Salonga in "The Flower Drum Song" musical. This guy is one artist to follow. Besides "Flower Drum Song" he was in Broadway's most recent mounting of "The King and I." I found out he also did a stint for an episode of "Sex in the City" (but he did not play Mr. Big). Tita Virgie really knows how to throw a party!

I got the live entertainment going with most of the guests singing at least one song. Randy Santiago even included a tap dance with his song, and director brother Rowell was dragged to sing, too. He can belt one out, I might add.

Of course, my fave non-showbiz crooner, Anton San Diego, sang with feeling.

Dodot Jaworski did one after his wife, Mikee. She told me that aside from the song he did for us, he only knew one other, "My Way." Oh my gosh, he just turned into his father.

Ram Antonio, Kara Magsanoc Alikpala's and my ex-boyfriend (of course not simultaneously, I hope), was also forced to the microphone. But, he has other talents than singing.

As my editor stood up and walked toward the pianist (who is a dentist by day!), we asked for a contribution, but she said, "I will just edit the song!" and proceeded to the women's room.

The finale number was a duet of Jose and Cris Villonco, who just flew in for her summer break from school in New York. An all-together, fun-filled evening of song and laughter.

Virgie Ramos is now a year older, but wiser and happier. The Hello Kitty world will be lost

without her magic hands, and the Make-a-Wish kids will love her forever.

Truly, here is a woman with the biggest heart and, I must add, the coolest watches.

Erratum. The caption under the photo of Ms Claire Barberis with her husband, Romain, said,

"Still with her clothes on: Claire and hunk hubby Romain Barberis." The pronoun should have been "his," as Claire never doffed her clothes. My apologies to Claire.

Thanks again for all the e-mail feedback to seaprincess@inquirer.com.ph.



TATLER belle Irene M. Francisco with handsome hubby Randy



STYLE IN THEIR BLOOD. Raya Mananquil and Rissa Samson



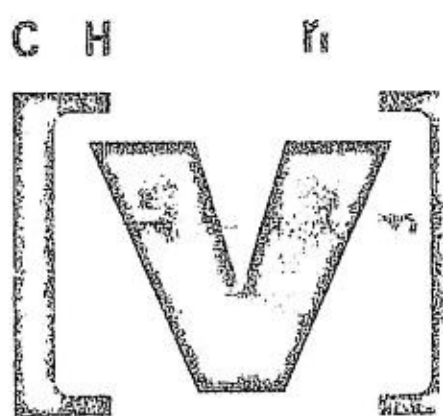
HELLO KITTY FRIENDS. Monique Villonco, Susan Joven and Angeli Sison



CAMELIZED wheel of Cambozola for a birthday cake. Sheila, Virgie, Ben and Miguel Ramos



GOOD FRIENDS, ALL. March Ventosa, Mark and Lena Dualan and Fr. Manny Gabriel



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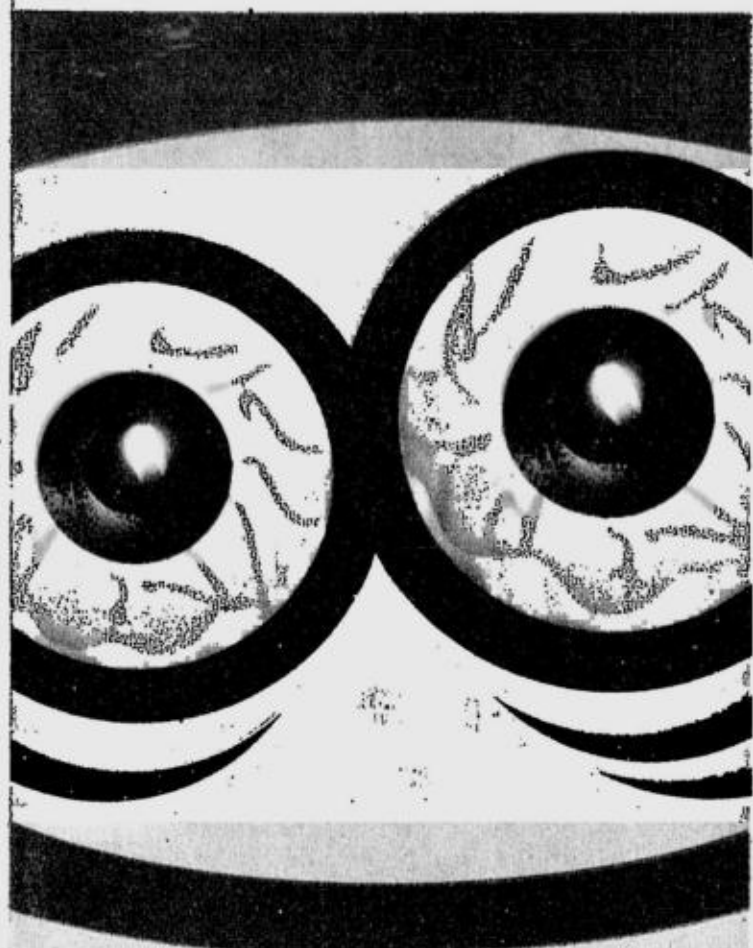
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Research shows that a diet high in Omega 3 helps reduce the risk of cancer and coronary heart diseases. Studies further show that cancer is less common in communities that eat large amounts of fish like tuna. Japanese women for instance have a very low rate of breast cancer. There has also been a decrease in the rate of prostate cancer cases among men in these communities. Stomach and intestinal cancers also appear to be less common among people who include tuna regularly in their diets.

So how does Omega 3 fight these killer diseases? Omega 3 fatty acids are known to produce Transforming Growth Factor Beta Receptor Typell or TGFBrll, a molecule that keeps the production of cancer cells under control. Studies also show that Omega 3 promotes the self-destruction of cancer cells and even helps reduce the level of a hormone-like substance that has been proven to be present in high amounts in cancer-stricken individuals.

Omega 3 contains Eicosapentaenoic Acid or EPA as well. EPA is a type of fatty acid that has the ability to thin blood thus maintaining a healthy blood flow. The absence of sticky blood therefore reduces the risk of heart diseases.

Among the known sources of Omega 3, tuna is considered to be one of the richest. The fresher the tuna that goes into the can, the higher the level of Omega 3 that gets preserved. This is precisely why canners like Phil Best Canning Corporation makes sure that only the freshest catch goes into every can of Diana Tuna. Phil Best Canning Corporation has its own fleet of fishing vessels, thus assuring a swift delivery of fish from the sea to the canning facilities.

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Seminar-workshop on college courses and careers

ARE you someone who hasn't finished high school, isn't sure what college degree to take, or is unable to decide what career to pursue after graduation?

Get some sound advice on this and other matters in "Beyond Horizons," a career counseling seminar and workshop to be conducted by the International Education Specialists of Makati (Inter-Ed) on May 31, 2:30-5 p.m., at the Accede Center, Asian Institute of Management, Makati City.

The "student-friendly" seminar-workshop aims to help students plan the right career path and pick the academic course best suited to them.

"The problem of students getting into jobs for which they are unsuitable and where opportunities are very limited has reached alarming proportions," said Inter-Ed president Roger D. Bartholomew. "The key is choosing a career area compatible with the interest, aptitude and character of the student, if the career is to be rewarding and fulfilling."

Statistics from various government agencies such as the Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education and Department of Labor and Employment show that a large number of college graduates have degrees in areas where jobs are scarce or diminishing, while other areas that offer both long-term and worldwide opportunities suffer from insufficient graduates.

Aligning careers at an early stage would have a beneficial effect on the Philippine economy as a whole, said Bartholomew, since it would redound to greater enthusiasm and productivity in the workplace for the next generation.

The seminar-workshop, which will feature a lot of interaction with the participants and culminate in individual career and course profiles that can be validated through computerized career aptitude testing, is open to all high school and college students. Seats are limited, but reservations may be made by calling 819-1001 or 819-1002.

Southville offers two new courses

STARTING school year 2003-2004, Southville International School and Colleges (SISC) at BF International, Las Piñas City, will offer two new courses: BS Nursing and BS Business Administration, major in Entrepreneurial Management.

The new courses are in line with the school's vision to develop successful professionals, executives, entrepreneurs, technocrats and future leaders.

As an incentive, enrollees in BS Nursing are entitled to a 45-percent discount on tuition fees. Incoming freshmen in all courses may also avail of partial to full scholarships.

Other courses offered by SISC are AB Mass Communications, BS Computer Science, BS-BA Human Resource Management and BSBA Finance. Soon, it will also offer BS Information Technology, Bachelor of Elementary Education and Bachelor of Secondary Education.

Enrollment is ongoing for the June 2003 school opening. Call 820-8702/03 or 825-6374.

Get creative with your letters

EVEN with the advent of text messaging and electronic mail, nothing beats the handwritten letters sealed in envelopes and delivered by your friendly Mr. Postman.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE



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Coffee, cuffs and the President's radiant US wardrobe

MUST-HAVE CD: Michael Bublé. It's been quite a while since I got excited over a new singer (think Josh Groban). Now here comes another artist who's sure to knock your socks off.

As I write this, I am listening to the CD of Michael Bublé, which has old standards like "Fever," "For Once in My Life," "Summer Wind," "The Way You Look Tonight," and "Come Fly with Me."

The buzz is that this 25-year-old singer could be the next Harry Connick Jr.—or the next Frank Sinatra? His voice is in the same vein and, like them, has that caramel-like, swoony and croony effect.

Like Josh, he was discovered by producer David Foster, who always happens to be in the right place and time when spotting these hot new talents. The CD is available at Music One.

Look of the moment: Cuff it! Although it's taking a bit longer for Manila's stylish set to wear chandelier earrings, since no one really cares or no one's making it, here's another accessory that you should have, especially for the latter part of the year: cuffs.

Mind you, it's definitely no new thing, but the focus in fashion these days seems to be moving from the ears to the arms. And these cuffs will add style to your handshake.

Must-go-to coffee and tea place: Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf. Popped into the newest coffee and tea place on the block. I love coffee, and it's one of those boosts that get me through the day.

Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf was established in 1963 in California. It actually originated ice-blended coffee drinks and popularized Chai Latte.

The interiors of the local Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf are warm and has that very American feel. It takes getting used to, especially if you've grown accustomed to Starbucks' green or Seattle's Best's red interiors. Done in beige, Coffee Bean has more of a calming effect, perfect for lounging or chatting with a friend.

The place serves breakfast (scones, muesli), gourmet sandwiches (tuna, salmon sandwiches) and salads (Caesar's, potato), and scrumptious desserts as well.

Now, the all-important question: Is the coffee good? More than that—it is great! Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf is located at Greenbelt 3 Mall.

Hot beauty essential: Chanel's Precision Eye Patch. Caught this little essential in "V" magazine and marveled at the way it looked. It turned out to be an under-eye mask meant to eradicate fine lines and puffy eyes from late-night partying. And according to beauty experts, it really works!

Another cool reason to buy this eye-catcher: It has Chanel written all over it. So you know it will look good on you.

Gadgets of the week: Alessi's spoon. The May 2003 issue of Architectural Digest picked this item as one of the great designs of the century. A mayonnaise spoon designed by the late great designer Castiglione, it was created specifically to scoop up the mayo that's stuck to the sides of the jar. Really one of those items that are just so cool, you just have to have them! Available at Arrakkis Oggetti, Makati Shangri-La Shopping Arcade (tel. 894-6009).

The Orgasmatron. It's not what you think it is. This sleazy-sounding relaxing mechanism is not to be used below the waist but for your head—the one where your eyes are.

Instructions say you place the eight rounded copper arms on your head, shoulders and neck (or get your lady friend to do it for you), then relax. The sensation will have you crawling back for more. Some even claim the Orgasmatron can be better than sex! Well, it's certainly less the effort and mess.

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

Anton San Diego



Cuffs will definitely add style to your handshake, as fashion's focus these days swings from the ears to the arms

Fashion bravado: The President's US state visit. Whenever our President (I have lived through five already) makes a state visit, especially to the US, my interest is highly piqued, not just because of the agenda, but over what our leaders are wearing. I think

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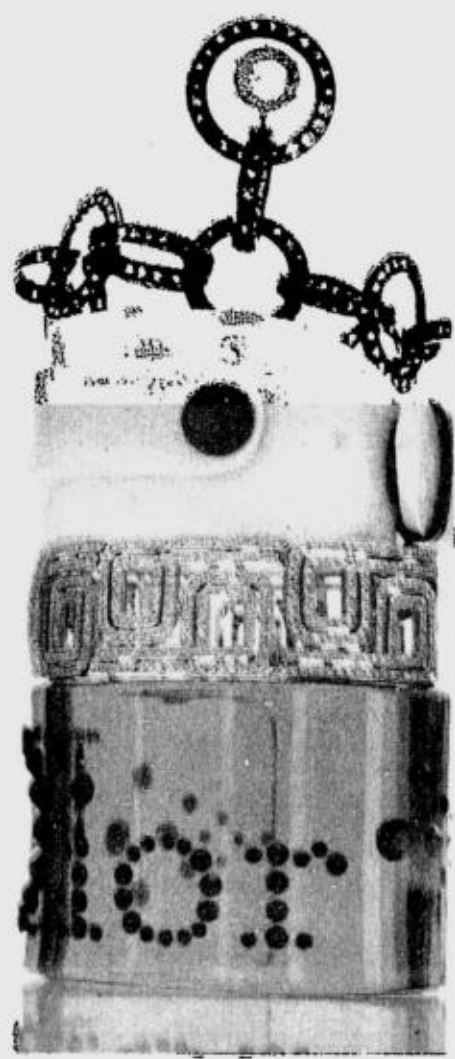
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Bai Sandra Sema (second from right), wife of Cotabato City Mayor Datu Muslimim G. Sema, is spearheading a project to publish a book on the malong.

Woven

record of a people's culture and history

The 'malong' is not just a piece of useful garment but has also much to say about the different Muslim groups and their cultures and traditions

Text by Linda B. Bolido
Photos by Romy Homillada

THE SARONG may be more popular but those who own a malong will probably swear the garment, worn in Mindanao especially by the Muslims, is more versatile. In fact, these people have probably made the malong a standard traveling companion.

Both colorful body wraps, it may seem like there is not much difference between the sarong and the malong. But with its ends sewn together to form a straight tube-like garment, the malong is more like a sleeping bag—it's a mat, a blanket and even a mosquito net in one—while the sarong is simply a blanket. And the malong is a more adequate dressing "booth" should you find yourself having to make a quick change in places where there is no privacy to be had. Holding one end of the garment between your teeth leaves your hands free to strip off your clothes without compromising your modesty, certain you are covered from neck down. Try doing that with the sarong? If you don't have at least two people holding both ends to keep the garment in place, you may have to lie down and cover yourself with the sarong to accomplish the same quick-change maneuver.

Dazzling display

But more than a piece of useful garment, the malong, according to Bai Sandra Sema, wife of Mayor Datu Muslimin G. Sema of Cotabato City, says much about the culture and history of Muslim Mindanao. The city has put up a dazzling display of colorful handwoven vintage silk malong for the ongoing Region 12 trade fair at the Pueblo Pilipino, Clamshell in Intramuros, one of the regular activities organized by the Department of Tourism to attract visitors to the Walled City.

"Inaul-A Malong Exhibit" also showcases some contemporary versions of the garment (for information, call Datu Manidsin Balabaran, Cotabato City tourism council vice chair, at [0917] 664-5689). As the title suggests, the exhibit focuses on inaul, handwoven—and traditionally silk—malong, used primarily by royalty and occasionally by ordinary Muslims for special occasions. The exhibit pointedly makes it known that: "All inaul are malong, but not all malong are inaul."

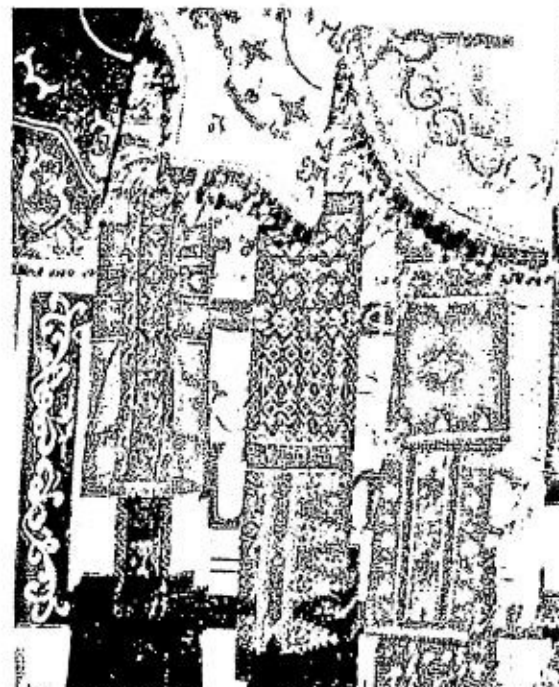
Sema, who is spearheading a project to publish a book on the history and cultural significance of the malong, says the inaul patterns have meanings and often suggest something about the period when they were woven. Indeed, the Cotabato City inaul exhibit that includes a 1925 piece with ribbon-like patterns called "Binaludan na Binaludtu," which has ribbon-like stripes in bright colors (binaludan is Maguindanaoan for tie or knots while binaludtu means rainbow colors), also



THE MALONG'S evolution is influenced by both culture and history.



YOUNG Cotabato girls do the Silong sa Ganding, a welcome dance, for the opening of the Region 12 trade fair.



MARAWI malong is made of cotton. Embroidery and Maguindanao version.

showcases a 1995 silk creation called "Mari Mar," which, as the name suggests, is named after the very popular Mexican telenovela starring Thalia.

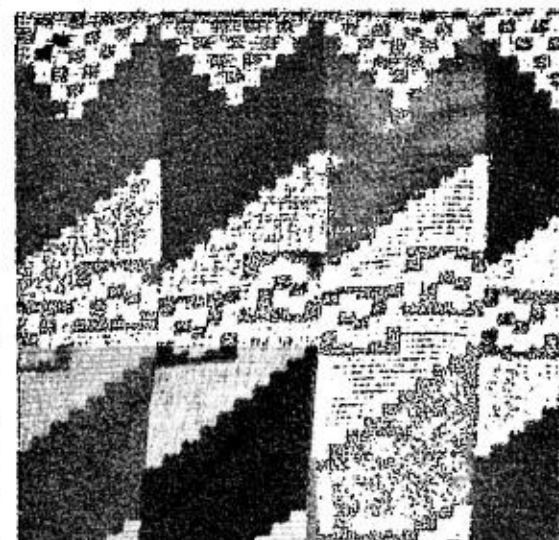
Malong comes to RP

Initially, according to Sema, only silk was used in making inaul starting from the time of the Malay Sharif Kabungsuwan who became first sultan of the Maguindanao region, to which Cotabato belongs. The sultan not only introduced Islam but also the malong, a version of the traditional costumes of almost all Southeast Asian countries. The silk came from China suggesting that the Philippines had trade relations with the country for centuries.

These days, with Chinese silk no longer readily available, weavers use rayon. Sema adds that the inaul is still made in the same traditional looms and the skill is handed down from mother to daughter. Weavers usually have their own looms at home or the work becomes a community activity. As the looms are narrow—a cloth has a width of about 30 inches like most handwoven fabrics—a length of cloth of about 4 yards is cut into two pieces and joined together to form one inaul.

These days, too, the handwoven fabrics are not just used for inaul. The materials are also used to make contemporary garments.

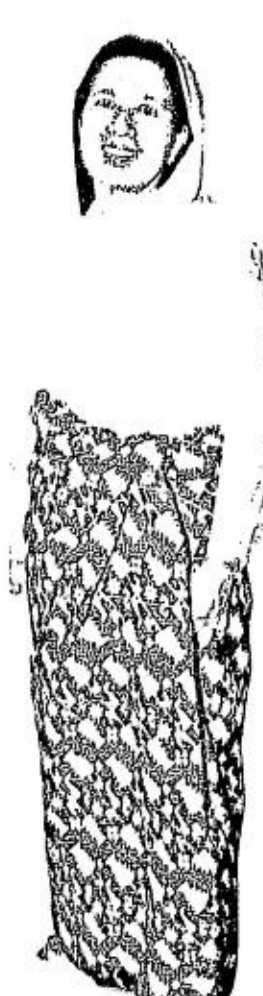
Sema says weavers do not do any dyeing as they buy colored threads. They just decide on the patterns. She adds that the type of malong worn will also suggest from which part of Muslim Mindanao a wearer comes. The Maguindanaoans, she says, prefer soft material while other groups go for thicker fabrics.



THIS pattern is "Sinuwatan-Seko-seko." In Maguindanao seko means elbow.



TRADITIONALLY, noblewomen simply hold one end of their inaul in their right hand.



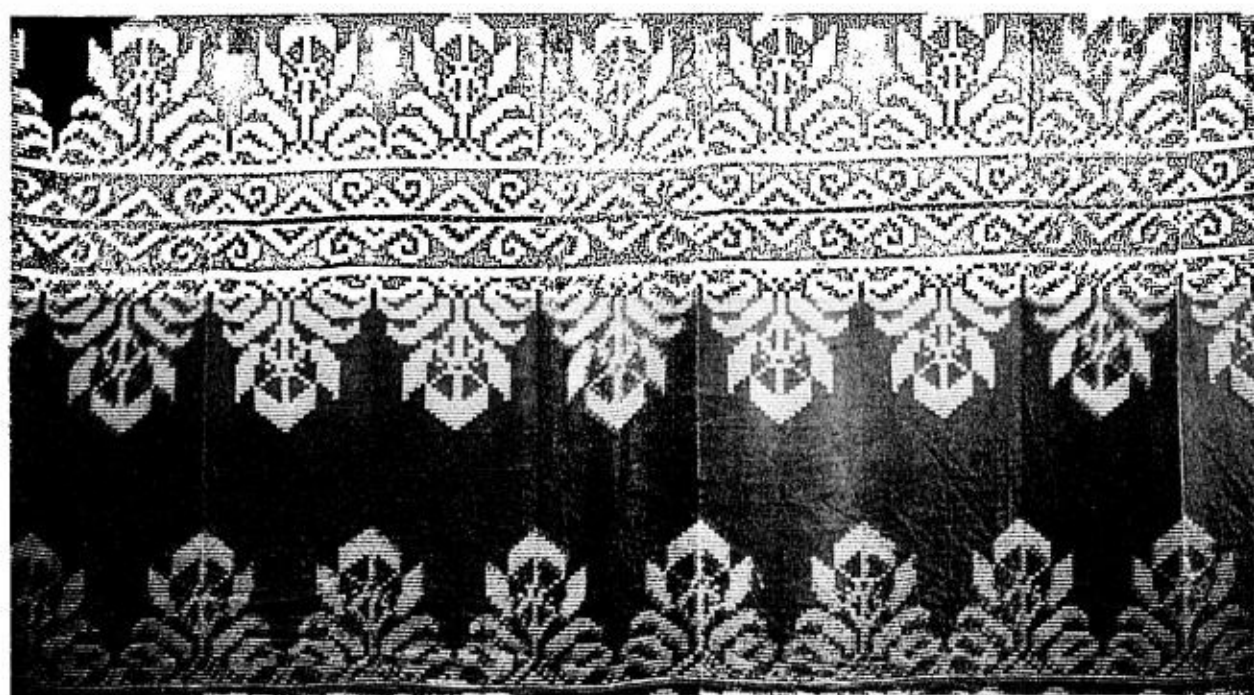
ALL inaul is malong, but not all malong is inaul.



NOW made of rayon, handwoven malong material is also used for contemporary dresses.



MAGUINDANAANS prefer to use soft, shiny material for their malong.



INAUL weaving remains a skill handed down from mother to daughter. This pattern is called "Makudindang."

For *inaul* especially, silk, when available, is the fabric of choice. "[Weavers] never considered cotton for [*inaul*]. If cotton is used, they might as well just buy a fabric and sew it into a *malong*," she points out.

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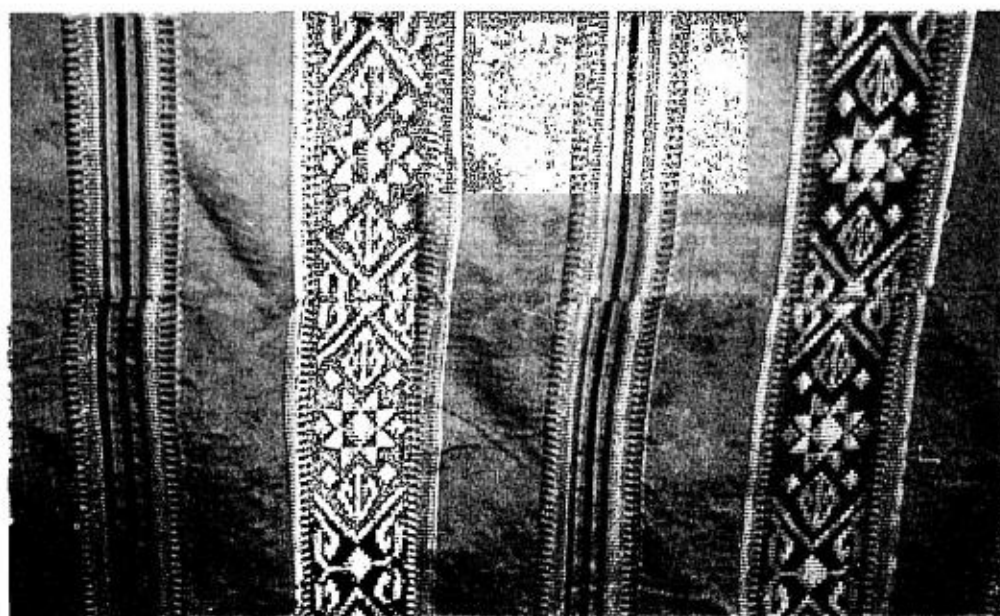
Sema adds that the way the *malong* is worn can also indicate a person's status. Women from royal families generally would hold one end of the *inaul* between their right arm and chest to keep the garment from falling while ordinary people would have both ends of their *malong* tucked securely in their waists.

"Royal women do not do a lot of work. They can use their hands to keep their *inaul* in place. On the other hand, ordinary women have a lot of chores so they have to keep both hands free," she explains. Muslim men, she adds, like using the *malong* when praying because the loose garment allows them to bend low without worrying about splitting seams. They also often prefer a shorter *malong*.

Sema says many vintage *inaul*, as evidenced by those they managed to put together for the exhibit, remain prized possessions of Maguindanaoan families. She laments the fact, however, that some of the original and one-of-a-kind patterns appear to have been "pirated" and have started to surface in fabric designs of neighboring countries.

The Cotabato City *inaul* exhibit can be viewed at Pueblo Pilipino until May 31.

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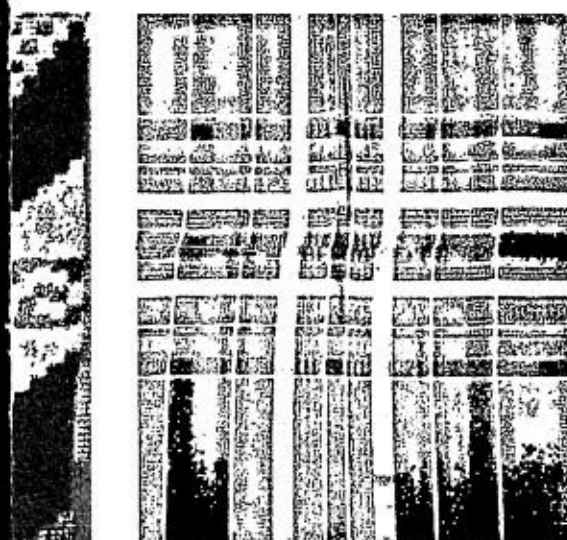
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A 1936 silk "Turuk" featuring multicolored stripes and checks.



This attractive pattern is called 'Sinuwatan-Makabenban'. In Maguindanao, 'makabenban' means multi-colored.

Coffee, cuffs and the President's radiant US wardrobe

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**BEAUTY ESSENTIAL
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that, for many of us, looking good and presentable is always an important concern.

Before President Macapagal-Arroyo's departure, I tried finding out who would be doing her gowns and wardrobe. Joe Salazar

was one, but there were two other names on the list whose works I didn't know too well: JC Buendia and Ito Curata.

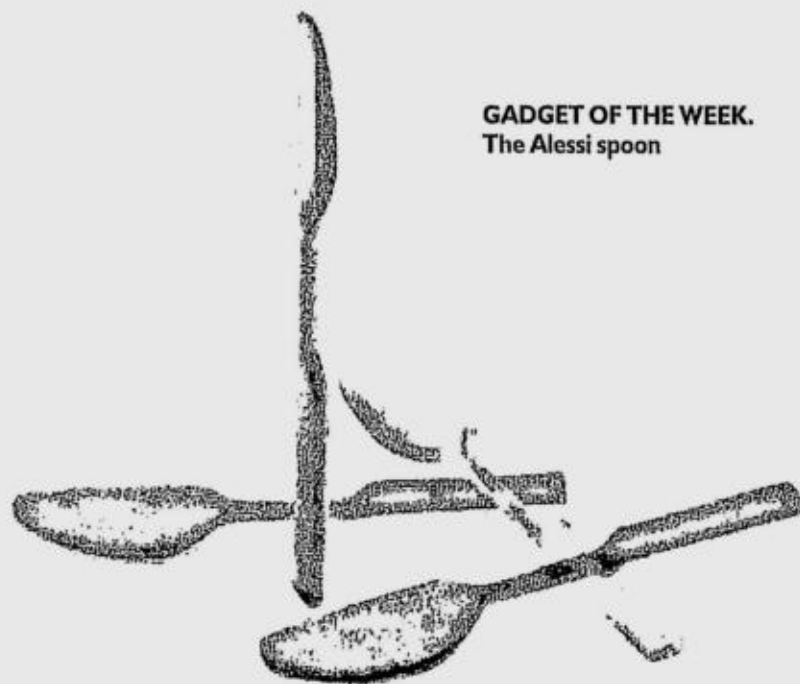
I am sure they are really nice individuals, but I got scared. The whole world will be seeing this event, and, of course, as a Filipino, I wanted our President to make a good impression. Here is our chance to shine in the world spotlight, and the President was going to wear someone untested.

I watched the coverage and had to eat my words. The President looked radiant and resplendent in her daywear, and the purple *terno* with light-green sash was just impeccable. There were some pieces I didn't like, such as the *calado* outfit she wore in California and a silver-gray suit she wore to a press conference. But overall, it wasn't bad.

Congratulations are in order for the designers and the President's stylist, Joanne Zapanta-Andrada, for a job well done!

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Fashion company returns to Sander

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Sander had stepped down as president of her company in 2000, shortly after the takeover by Prada, after a difference of opinion with the group's CEO, Patrizio Bertelli.

"Jil Sander will return to the company she founded, Jil Sander AG, with immediate effect," said the statement, issued in Paris.

It also said Sander, who set up her German company in 1973, would take a top position on Prada's supervisory board.

"Ms Sander will sit together with Mr. Patrizio Bertelli, Prada chief executive officer, and Ms Miuccia Prada on the strategic committee of Prada Holding NV," the statement said.

"It's natural that Ms Sander returns to the company which she founded and which bears her name," said Miuccia Prada, a founder of the Italian group.

The statement said the Jil Sander label had annual sales of 138.8 million euros (162 million dollars).

It is distributed in 20 Prada-owned boutiques and 16 franchise outlets, as well as via a network of 350 independent stores and 12 major chains.

AFP

Timeless accessories

THE KELLY collection came about with an interesting story in 1956.

Princess Grace Kelly of Monaco covered her pregnant body with a bag from Hermes for a photo that appeared in Life magazine. Subsequently, the bag, which features a padlock, was renamed the Kelly bag. In 1975, the Kelly watch was fashioned where the timepiece itself was incorporated into the padlock that hung on the leather watch strap.

There are two new additions to the family: Kelly Clochette and Kelly Double Tour.

The Kelly Clochette conceals the padlock watch inside a brown or black leather pouch to be worn on a strap around the neck.

The Kelly Double Tour secures the padlock onto a double-tour strap that wraps around the wrist twice. The double tour is an Hermes favorite made famous by Martin Margiela when he first presented it during the Hermes ladies RTW show.

Hermes timepieces, distributed by Emporium Gallery, are available in the following shops in Metro Manila: Rustan's Hans Bruman, HEMM at Rockwell Power Plant and The Podium.



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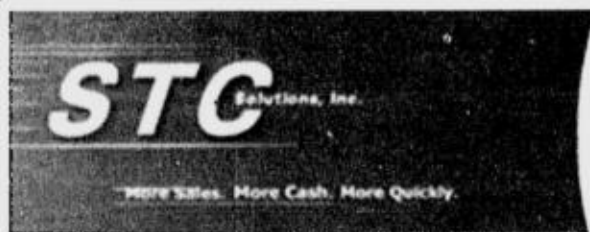
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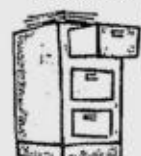
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DURATION: 7 months with possible extension

DUTY STATION: Davao City

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HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
363 P. Casal St., Oulapo, Manila
Tel. 734-3631



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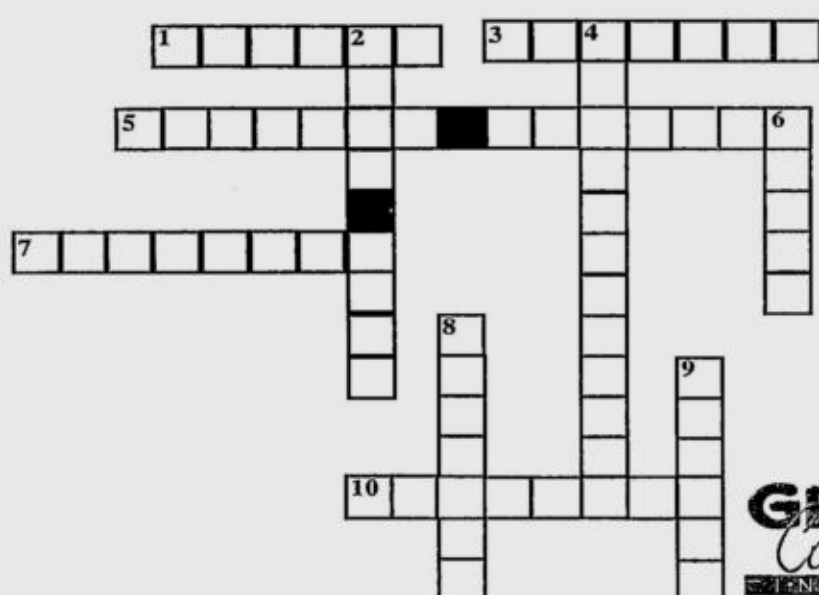
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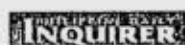
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Loving the unlovable

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

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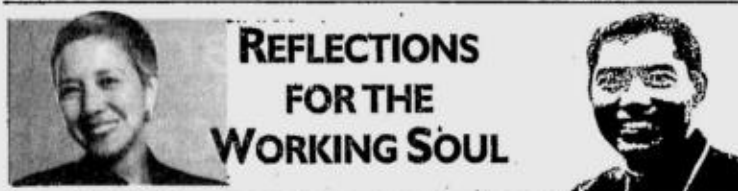
Most of our waking hours is spent at work, among people who are practically strangers but whose company we must bear day after day. These people come with their own sets of quirks—some of them may be absolutely unbearable (like your tyrant of a boss who gargles his coffee and wears green Mickey Mouse ties), but because we work with them, we have no choice but to endure their presence.

In your office or shop, how many would have a heart big enough to love others as Jesus loves us? You'd be lucky to name a handful. "Hindi na kasi uso martir ngayon, ano?" many would probably chorus.

In a world that brain-washes us to think that the most important person on earth is called "I-me-myself," loving as Jesus loves is seen as impractical, if not downright stupid. Nothing could be further from the truth. Loving like Jesus is being generous for God's sake.

And can anyone be wiser, more practical and more generous than God? In His generosity God cannot but reward your faith with fortitude and an inner peace that no workplace can give you but which you can give to any workplace.

(Email the author at avemaria@csi.com.ph)



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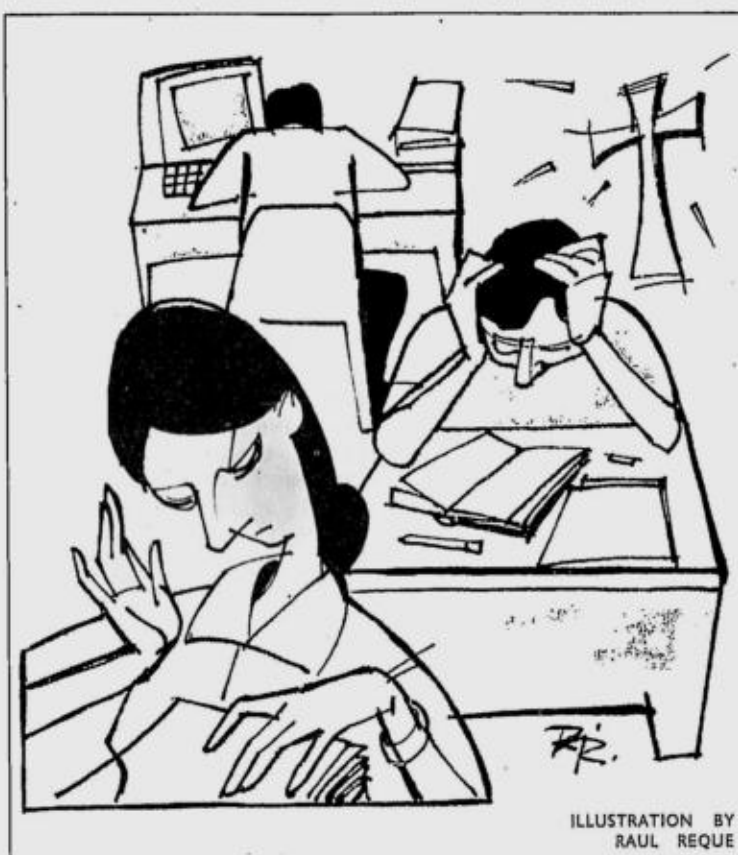


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Gospel John 15:9-17

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."

No time for love

By Precioso D. Cantillas,
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WHY did Jesus have to command his disciples to love one another? Is love something to be imposed on a person? Isn't love something one naturally feels like doing with much pleasure? How we wish all of us could just do it as Jesus commands us to—love not only family, friends or lovers but also coworkers.

However, many of us might say that we are so busy with work that we don't have time to waste loving our neighbors. We are so taken up with our job that socializing with friends only serves to distract us from our duties. Our heads are buried so deeply in our tasks that we have no time to notice the presence of our coworkers, much less sense what they are feeling. We get too anxious about our performance that we tend to get paranoid and snarl at any

colleague who simply wants to greet us and wish us a good day. We seem to be driven nuts by work deadlines. We feel paralyzed when we get stuck with a difficult work situation or when faced with an entirely new challenge. In these situations, work becomes a compulsion driving us to "death," and the workplace becomes a graveyard of machines and instruments without the vitality of persons loving and caring for one another!

We definitely do not want a lifeless workplace. Neither does Jesus (who knows exactly what we need to be truly happy in life) wish it for us. Loving the way He loves—"laying down one's life for one's friends," valuing persons more than our achievements—is living life to the full. This is why He commands us to love one another!

(Email the author at mfv@skyinet.net)

Top 10...

(From page K14)

over the head by people whose opinions often matter—saving leadership from doing it. While this may be the crass side of 360, it does work because of the influence of friends and peers. 360s certainly have weaknesses and used solely for the purpose of changing attitudes is probably more harmful than helpful in the "long term."

However, a structured ongoing program of development that includes regular 360 assessment and training can be effective in changing attitudes.

6. Co-opt. Giving people—whose attitude is

deviant from the norm—leadership opportunity can often lead to positive change for the person and the organization. Some say resistance is energy and this resistant energy occurs often in the form of challenging attitudes and opposition—disagreeableness. Yet, often this energy can be harnessed to propel the organization forward while leading to attitudinal change in the opposition.

7. Have compassion. This may seem like a strange change initiative and a few years ago I would have thought you were "different" even mentioning it, yet compassion appears to hold the

key to changing attitudes. Of course the Buddhist philosophy enmeshes this method in its teachings and it is consistently brought forward by people like the Dalai Lama. Compassion has a way of building both rapport and offering peace to oneself and those in opposition. Often the worst thing we can do is to fight fire with fire—merely fueling the opposing forces and heightening our own negative emotions.

8. Seek first to understand. An age-old maxim made popular by Stephen Covey's seven habits, empathy like compassion forces us to take the view of the opposing force and to attempt to understand the reasons for the resistance. Much has been written about this "soft" skill but by far, the caring sense that someone expresses authentically towards another person removes barriers to changes in attitudes. Empathy creates openings for new information and influence to reach through previously locked doors.

9. Have acceptance. I hesitated a moment when offering this particular point, yet feel that without acceptance—recognizing that we are all different and that resistance is not always bad—we would lose valuable energy and innovation. Change occurs consciously and uncon-

sciously and sometimes resistance is just change occurring unconsciously—forcing us to examine things that are outside of our own path. By accepting that some people will oppose our path, we open ourselves and our organizations to the innovative spark of difference.

10. Dialogue. Providing the space for the disclosure of assumptions, mental models and tightly held beliefs in "safe" harbors can lead to effective attitude change. If the above strategies are combined into an amalgam of actions, then change in attitude is likely to precipitate. None of this is easy, especially in those organizations

or those people that are fully ingrained in the attitudes of resistance for resistance sake. Yet, taking the time to structure an ongoing dialog can be the initiative for many of the other strategies to provide motivational force to change one's attitude.

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adapted some points from an insightful book called *We Are All Self-Employed*, by Cliff Hakim (Berrett Koehler, 1994). Hakim's main point is that if you want to be gratified by work, you need to proactively manage your career: you need to decide your next steps, acquire the necessary skills, and actively pursue your choices. Your employers won't do this for you. As a friend once observed, "It's a corporation you work for—not your mother."

Along the way these tips may help:

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WORKING WOUNDED

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first place.

Keep learning. The years I learned the least were the years I spent getting my MBA. On the other hand, this last year I learned how to how to design a web site, how to do TV stand-ups, and how to sail. The best way to keep your career in shape is to keep your learning muscles buffed. My strategies: read a book every month that will give you new skills or insight, and hang out with smart people who really love what they do.

Love the one you're with. Some folks are incredibly

lucky: they can make a career out of something they already love. For most of us, though, the challenge is a little tougher. We need to find a way to love the thing we're doing. Remarkably, that isn't so hard. Instead of just taking the jobs that companies hand you, stretch your jobs, make them your own. Instead of just fulfilling each job's requirements, turn the job into something that fulfills you. When you've eeked out all the growth and learning, move on.

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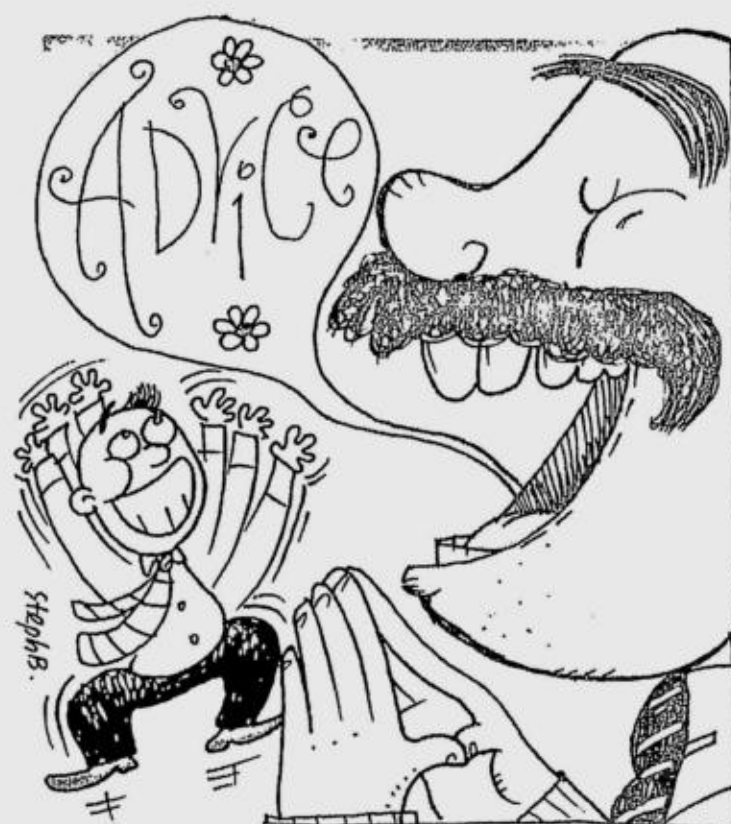


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in favor of a three-day weekend. Interestingly, women were more in favor of a three-day weekend than men, with 86 percent of those in favor being female. Those with kids also preferred moving holidays closer to the weekend than those without kids.

However, respondents tended to be opposed to the idea of a four-day workweek (10 hours per day), with 47 percent of them perceiving a 10-hour day as too tiring. Twenty-six percent were in favor of this system while 27 percent believe that it should

be optional.

An overwhelming majority of the respondents felt rested and recharged after a vacation (62 percent), while 16 percent said that they felt tired and not in the mood to work after a vacation. Eleven percent of the respondents work even on vacation while the remaining 11 percent worried about the work they left behind when going on a vacation.

Company outings

Most organizations sponsor outings as a form of recreational activity. Fifty-nine percent of the respondents said their organizations

sponsored outings, 34 percent sponsored sports programs, 12 percent sponsored outings and 11 percent sponsored other activities such as parties, teambuilding workshops, catechism, special events, field trips, to name a few.

In an increasingly competitive business environment, there is constant pressure to do things faster and better. Often times, the burden for this is shifted to employees. Thus, although the sample was limited, the news that organizations promote rest and recreation is welcome. It's a sign that they do believe that

all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

However, we also need to look beyond rest and recreation programs and rethink our work policies and laws especially with regards to work hours. The International Labour Organization (ILO) recommends a 40-hour workweek be the standard practice. In fact, this has become the norm in other countries.

Longer work hours

In contrast, according to the Bureau of Labor Employment and Statistics, the average number of work hours spent by the Filipino em-

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The challenge then is how to increase our productivity by not working harder but better. Perhaps we have also yet to learn that true leisure

is not idleness and that rest and recreation has value. Perhaps, it is also a part of human evolution. Our ancestors hunted and gathered to provide themselves with food and clothing. But times changed and humans created machines to make things easier and faster. However, inventions aside, we still seem to be working harder than ever. It is baffling that what the Australopithecus man knew—to hunt or gather when needed and rest when there are sufficient supplies—we are only beginning to figure out.



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adapted some points from an insightful book called *We Are All Self-Employed*, by Cliff Hakim (Berrett Koehler, 1994). Hakim's main point is that if you want to be gratified by work, you need to proactively manage your career: you need to decide your next steps, acquire the necessary skills, and actively pursue your choices. Your employers won't do this for you. As a friend once observed, "It's a corporation you work for—not your mother."

Along the way these tips may help:

Expect discomfort. As Scott Peck noted in *The Road Less Traveled*, "Life is difficult." Well, so is work!—even a job you love. The lucky workers are the ones who can see past the irritations and remember (as they say about marriage) why they fell in love in the

WORKING WOUNDED

Bob Rosner



first place.

Keep learning. The years I learned the least were the years I spent getting my MBA. On the other hand, this last year I learned how to how to design a web site, how to do TV stand-ups, and how to sail. The best way to keep your career in shape is to keep your learning muscles buffed. My strategies: read a book every month that will give you new skills or insight, and hang out with smart people who really love what they do.

Love the one you're with. Some folks are incredibly

lucky: they can make a career out of something they already love. For most of us, though, the challenge is a little tougher. We need to find a way to love the thing we're doing. Remarkably, that isn't so hard. Instead of just taking the jobs that companies hand you, stretch your jobs, make them your own. Instead of just fulfilling each job's requirements, turn the job into something that fulfills you. When you've eeked out all the growth and learning, move on.

Recently I asked a venture capitalist the most important thing he looks for when investing in a business. His reply? "Passion." It's equally important for you. Find the passion in every job, don't let discomfort extinguish it, and stoke your passion with learning. You'll be making a sound investment in your career. I hope this makes sense.

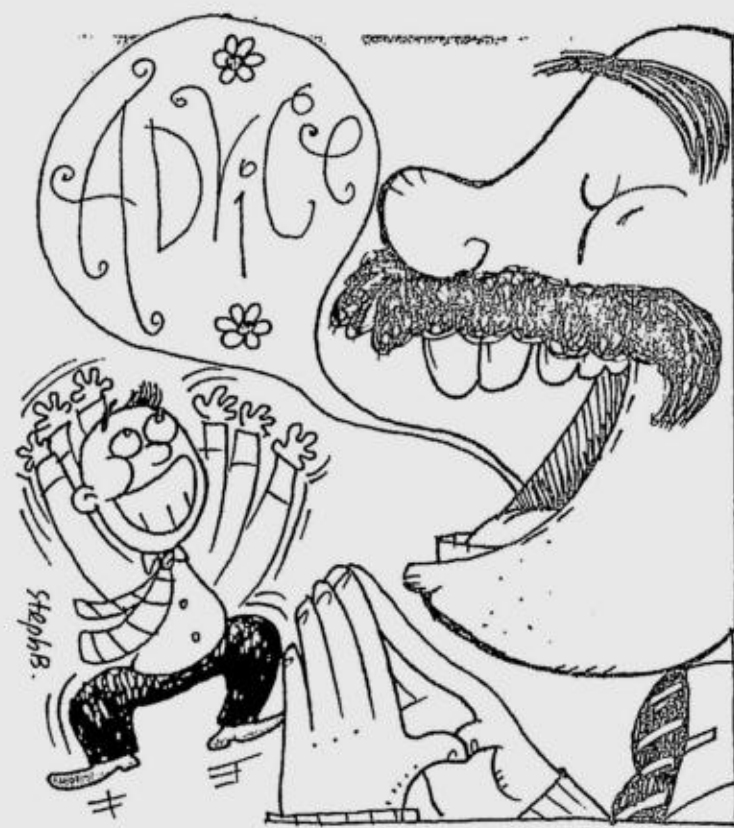


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Rest... (From page K14)

in favor of a three-day weekend. Interestingly, women were more in favor of a three-day weekend than men, with 86 percent of those in favor being female. Those with kids also preferred moving holidays closer to the weekend than those without kids.

However, respondents tended to be opposed to the idea of a four-day workweek (10 hours per day), with 47 percent of them perceiving a 10-hour day as too tiring. Twenty-six percent were in favor of this system while 27 percent believe that it should

be optional.

An overwhelming majority of the respondents felt rested and recharged after a vacation (62 percent), while 16 percent said that they felt tired and not in the mood to work after a vacation. Eleven percent of the respondents work even on vacation while the remaining 11 percent worried about the work they left behind when going on a vacation.

Company outings

Most organizations sponsor outings as a form of recreational activity. Fifty-nine percent of the respondents said their organizations

sponsored outings, 34 percent sponsored sports programs, 12 percent sponsored outings and 11 percent sponsored other activities such as parties, teambuilding workshops, catechism, special events, field trips, to name a few.

In an increasingly competitive business environment, there is constant pressure to do things faster and better. Often times, the burden for this is shifted to employees. Thus, although the sample was limited, the news that organizations promote rest and recreation is welcome. It's a sign that they do believe that

all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

However, we also need to look beyond rest and recreation programs and rethink our work policies and laws especially with regards to work hours. The International Labour Organization (ILO) recommends a 40-hour workweek be the standard practice. In fact, this has become the norm in other countries.

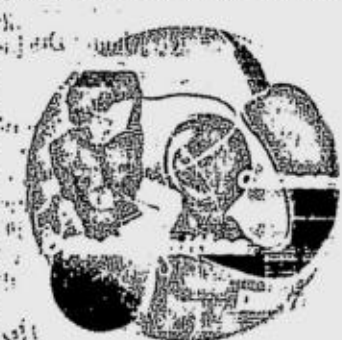
Longer work hours

In contrast, according to the Bureau of Labor Employment and Statistics, the average number of work hours spent by the Filipino em-

ployee in 2000 was 48.4. Although this is fairly typical of other developing countries especially in East Asia, longer work hours do not necessarily translate to greater productivity. ILO Director-General Juan Somavia (1999) said: "The number of hours worked is one important indicator of a country's overall quality of life... while the benefits of hard work are clear, working more is not the same as working better."

The challenge then is how to increase our productivity by not working harder but better. Perhaps we have also yet to learn that true leisure

is not idleness and that rest and recreation has value. Perhaps, it is also a part of human evolution. Our ancestors hunted and gathered to provide themselves with food and clothing. But times changed and humans created machines to make things easier and faster. However, inventions aside, we still seem to be working harder than ever. It is baffling that what the Australopithecus man knew—to hunt or gather when needed and rest when there are sufficient supplies—we are only beginning to figure out.



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Sunday PEOPLE at WORK

Contributing Editor Regina Galang Reyes

Rest, recreation make better employees

By Regina M. Hechanova
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AFTER all, God rested on the seventh day. If He needs time to rest, what more mortals? Thus, it is but logical that the Labor Code stipulates the right of employees to rest at least one day a week. In addition, organizations are required by law to provide at least five days leave for each employee although in practice, most employers grant about 15 days of vacation leave per year.

Recently, the government has opted to move non-working days that fall between Tuesday and Thursday to either Monday or Friday. This gives workers a three-day weekend and a chance to travel outside of the city. In addition, the Department of Tourism last year suggested that government organizations implement four-day workweeks. Although new to the country, in other parts of

the world, these practices have become standard. In the US for example, most holidays are celebrated not on specific days but on certain Mondays of a month. In some European countries, a four-day workweek is the norm, rather than the exception.

Ways to rest

We wanted to know what our readers thought about all these moves. Given a choice, do you think that holidays should be moved to either Monday or Friday to provide workers a three-day weekend? Would you be in favor of compressing the workweek (10 hours a day) to provide workers a three-day weekend during the summer? How do you feel when coming back from a vacation? What recreational activities does your organization sponsor? These are the questions posted in this month's people at work pulse.

Seventy-four people responded to this survey. Thirty-six percent of these respondents were male and 64 percent were female. Fifty-three percent were from corporate



PLAYING "row the boat," employees of FEP Printing combine learning and fun in a company-sponsored outdoor teambuilding program conducted by Lubid, Inc.

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organizations and 47 percent were from non-corporate organizations. Majority of the respondents were in their 20s (32 percent) and 30s (30 per-

cent). Fifty-five percent were single and 38 percent were married with children.

Twenty-nine percent of the respondents said that they are in

favor of moving the holidays to have a three-day weekend. Twenty-two percent said that we should stick to celebrating a holiday on the date itself. Fifty

percent, however, said that it really depends on the holiday itself, but generally, they were

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MARKETING BRAND 'YOU'

Are you on the right course?

By Regina Galang Reyes

THE HALLS of colleges will once more get filled up this coming June with young hopefuls who will be relying on their college education to get them a decent job after graduation. The problem is—how many of them are taking the college course that's right for them?

Here's what happens when you are not on the right course. A reader writes, "I graduated three years ago with a degree in Computer Science minor in Business Administration. After graduation, I worked as a data encoder and lately, as a customer service assistant. But

my real interest is writing, acting and directing. I got burned out with my recent job as a CSA so I resigned. My so-called career was uninteresting and I felt I was just 'passing through' to earn for today's expenses. I feel like I have been left behind because, in the first place, my course isn't really my interest.

"As of now, I am now enrolled in a speech and creative writing workshop to enhance my abilities. I have started to mail resumes to some call center companies. But I think this is also just 'passing through.' It's very hard to find a job, it's like finding a needle in a haystack, but I also want to grow and enjoy what I am doing. Please give me some tips on what to do."

Into the fire

Well, the first thing this reader can do is not to "jump from the frying pan into the fire." Jobs in call centers also involve customer service. Considering that you just resigned from a position in customer service because of

burnout, the same thing may happen if you do get another job in this area of work.

Why not try applying in companies that do work along your line of interest? For example, media companies in print, radio or television, publishing houses, advertising agencies or even PR firms? Big companies also usually have corporate communications offices where writing skills are required for corporate publications, press releases and other materials. You may initially apply there for positions related to your course, not your interest. But over a period of time, you will have a better crack at the type of work you like.

Taking the plunge

This advice comes from my own experience. I graduated from a journalism course during martial law. There was definitely no job out there for journalists at that time. So I got sidetracked into human resources work. Years later, when an opening for a human resource manager in Philippine Daily Inquirer came up, I imme-

diately applied for it and got accepted on the basis of my human resource management experience. Since I was already working for a newspaper, although not in the editorial side, I took the opportunity to start contributing articles to the paper. Of course, I had an edge over the other contributors because I was already an employee of the company (The editors couldn't refuse a co-employee's desperate pleas to be published).

After seven years as HR head of the INQUIRER, I took the plunge, resigned from fulltime corporate work, and am now in the field where I really want to be.

What's the lesson here? Sometimes, our journey through life involves twists and turns. You may have a college degree that's not your really your cup of tea. Or you may have a job that doesn't excite you. The thing is, it is never too late to go back to the right course, whether you are 16 or 60, rich or middle class, graduate or college



ILLUSTRATION BY RAUL ROQUE

drop out. It will need hard work and a firm resolve. But what's important, you get back on the right track.

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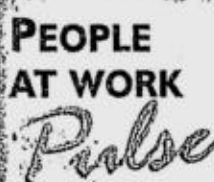
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- Have you ever been a working student?
 - No.
 - Yes, I was working part-time during college.
 - Yes, I was working full-time during college.
 - Yes, when I was getting a post-grad degree.
- Where you able to finish your studies even if you were working?
 - Yes, I even graduated on time.
 - Yes although I got delayed in my studies.
 - No I was never able to finish school.
- What is the most difficult challenge of working students?
 - Difficulty balancing school and work requirements
 - No social life
 - Lack of sleep
 - Physical exhaustion
 - Staying motivated to study
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Top 10 strategies for changing attitudes

By Mike R. Jay

AS WORKLIFE becomes more complex and environmental changes force people and organizations to adapt more quickly—creating turbulence among our systems—more and more people seek to institute or embrace change. The following 10 strategies are a place to begin that personal and organizational change.

1. Release people from prior commitment. Probably most overlooked is this strategy. Most often we forget that one of the reasons people don't change their attitude is that they have made a conscious or subconscious prior commitment.

Uncovering those hidden agendas usually results in an opportunity to change one's attitude about previous commitments. Even stability can be a prior commitment and until I understand that this new change, method or system is going to produce stability—I am not willing to let go of what is stable.

2. Provide new information. Often, people don't see or feel the need to change. Providing information to support change or the need to change can often open previously closed doors. Communicating change initiatives prior to implementation is often scary but almost always better than not doing it until the implementation begins.

3. Use fear positively.

Deming says drive out fear. Yet, fear can be positive if we take the time to frame it correctly. Fear of some sort, often creates the urgency needed for change to take place and for change gaps to be bridged, but the key to using fear is to show how the present path is not the best one. You don't just threaten people by stating if they don't do it they will suffer the consequences. You use a combination of tactics to show with information how the present direction will lead to lower levels of benefits and more sacrifice than changing directions—personally or organizationally.

4. Resolve cognitive dissonance. Most often, each of us has a dialectic taking place inside ourselves about our attitudes and about the results of our behaviors. To resolve this dissonance or conflict can often lead to positive changes in attitudes for us personally as well as in organizations. People are certain that their behavior always works, yet must often protect that faulty behavior with an attitude. Helping them to understand the conflict between their attitude and the behavior can lead to positive change.

5. Gather influence from friends, peers and family. One of the major reasons—in my view—for using 360-degree assessment is so that someone can get hit

TOP 10/K10

G Töng Gets Real

***She left the cushy
artista life in
Manila to become
a struggling
actress in the
United States,
but one of
Manila's most
beautiful faces
says the lessons
have been worth
the sacrifice***



By Eric S. Caruncho

Photographs by Ernie U. Sarmiento

THE FIRST thing Giselle Töngi does when she arrives at the INQUIRER for the SIM photo shoot is to stop at the taho vendor in front. Foot traffic slows as star-struck passersby stop to gawk at the tan, taut Eurasian stunner while the vendor dispenses a big P10 plastic glass of the sweet, syrupy curds.

"I've missed my *taho*," says G.

It has been a while—nearly three years, in fact—since she left local show business to try her luck in the U.S. At the time, people thought the former MTV VJ was crazy. She was at the peak of her career: Hardly a month went by without one or two magazines featuring her on the cover. She was appearing in three weekly TV shows. Movie and modeling offers were piling up at her agent's door.

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Love Notes

By Joe D' Mango



A Test of Friendship

She admitted she was pregnant and the baby wasn't even her boyfriend's. It belonged to some guy she had a one-night stand with. Now, I was her last option

Dear Joe,

I met Rachel in a high school soiree. Corny as it sounds, it was the first time I felt love. As soon as our eyes met, I knew she had something that would make my life complete. I courted her with roses, chocolates, candlelit dinners—the works. I was 17 and she was only 14 at that time. But she was the most mature person I had ever dated. We became friends, and eventually she became my girlfriend. We tried to keep our relationship from our parents but when her father knew about our secret, he forced her to leave me. It was a feeling I will never ever forget, Joe. But life had to go on.

I entered college, had a few flings here and there during my freshman year, but never a serious relationship like the one with Rachel. We did talk after our break-up, though I would only hear from her once every three months, until she found Ron, her new boyfriend. I guess they had a better relationship. After a year with no communication at all, I can say that I was over her, and the last two years of my college life was as fun-filled as could be.

Then last January, after almost three years of no contact at all, she started texting me. She asked me where I worked, how I was doing. Then one day, she dropped by my office. We went out, had a few dinners. We started to get close again. Sometimes I felt something was brewing between us, but I really kept my feelings in check.

Jokingly, just last February, while we were on our way to watch a movie, I asked, "Madame, you look kinda chubby. Are you pregnant?"

Suddenly, she began to cry. She admitted she was pregnant and the baby is coming this May. The most surprising thing of all was that the baby wasn't even Ron's. Last year, she and Ron had this huge fight, and she went to this bar in Tomas Morato. There she met some guy and had a one-night stand.

I didn't exactly know what I felt. I was her last option. Ron didn't want any part of it. I really didn't know what to say or

do at that time. That was the last time that we saw each other.

Now we only text each other. Sure, we're still friends, but I don't know how I will support her. I feel I owe her that much as a friend. Please help me.

Gerome

Dear Gerome,

The true value of friends is measured not in times when everything seems to go well but in times when you're in trouble. Ron obviously wanted to free himself from any impediments that may arise from Rachel's pregnancy. Her "one-night stand" guy, on the other hand, is nowhere to be found.

Rachel was all alone and you were probably the best person she chose to reveal her dilemma to. It may not be her intention to pass her burden on to you, but she felt that you were the closest she could get to someone who might understand her situation.

Gerome, this is the time when your friendship will be put to the test. You don't have to answer for something that you weren't responsible for. But you can answer for the moral and spiritual support that she needs now. It's not easy to explain unwanted pregnancy, more so if there is no father who will claim responsibility for the child.

Don't feel betrayed or angered by what Rachel did. If you really love her as a friend then you should unflinchingly stand by her even more now that everyone else has turned away from her.

I hope that this story will leave its mark on



Illustration by STEPH BRAVO

many of us. We cannot win an argument or prove a point by sleeping with someone else. Real friends are hard to find because they are the ones who don't care whether we are right or wrong. They only care about us. They do not judge us for what we have done and understand us for what we fail to do. They are real treasures that are beyond the value of money. There are many who are in search of friends they lost because of their

mistakes. They cannot find them because they are being misjudged and cast out. Let us take this challenge to show that we can be that friend to someone who needs love and understanding without having to worry about the price that has to be paid for the wrong that he or she has done.

You may write Joe D'Mango at dearjoe@lovenotes.fm

Three Nights in Venice

The people clear the piazza
as the drizzle breaks into steady rain.
Huddled into the ferry
I watch the waves heave, turn
with the approaching shadows of dusk.

Earlier I was at the cathedral
gazing at an immense relief of Byzantine saints,
their garments encrusted with jewels.
The gems gleamed as if newly unearthed
blunt with a light faint
and floundering in the darkness.

The wind passes by me as I return to the hotel
the rain still drizzling
the buildings on the street stoop damp and reticent.

The lampshade soothes the light in the room
but the silence laid like a weight on pillows
and twisted tight under sheets simmers.
There is a tremor buried in the breathing.

After lunch we brought back soup
from a restaurant down the streets.
My father was propped up on the bed
and slowly, as I picture my mother raise the spoon
my head sinks into the pillow.
I return through the ripples of the bright emerald canals
to a few days before: a hotel room in Florence,
raised voices, and a diamond ring flung.

Yesterday I came from the island of Murano.
Standing in front of the furnace I felt the heat
flush to my cheeks as the molten glass
emerged from the kiln.
From the glowing mass
the limbs of a horse were plied,
braced at mid-gallop.
Hewn by the light
the glass danced with the hint of jewels.

Its flanks were tensed with the sound of crashing hooves.

Miguel Paolo Celestial

Ngarag

Walang katapusan ang daan.
Diretso, liku-liku
Asfaltado, sementado.
Malinis, marumi.
A, walang malinis.
Lahat sila marumi,
Tinatapakan, tinatadyakan, dinuduraan.
Iba't-ibang paa.
Maliit, malaki, maputi, kayumanggi, negro.
Tsinelas, sapatos, balat, goma.
Mataba, payat.
Pula, dilaw, blue, white, violet.
Mga tumatawa, umilyak, galit, malungkot.
Mangananak, namatayan.
Ang haba ng daan, walang katapusan.

Joan Bondoc

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MODERN EUROPEAN CUISINE The Peninsula's Old Manila Restaurant introduces a new and exciting Modern European menu, basically French in technique but with added twists to make it more flavorful. Tenderloin of Beef "Rossini" is one of the traditional dishes favored by the restaurant's longtime regulars. For more of This Week, see page 7

Asawa

natanaw ko siya
Isang lalaking kagalang-galang
nakapolong puti
na may mahabang manggas
nakakurbatang may kulay
at may cellphone sa kamay.

ligalig ang mukha,
balisa't pakut-ikot
sa kinatatayuan.

paminsan-minsa'y
lalapit sa may talaga
ang instrumentong hawak
upang muli lamang itong
pahinagpis na ibaba.
hindi makonekta,
malinaw na mababasa
sa kanyang mga mata.

muling lalakad
papalapit sa pintuang salamin
na may kurtinang tabing.
mapapadot na naman
at sisikapang makasilip.

bakit di maglalakas-loob na pumasok?
bakit ulik-ulik ang loob?
bakit di matawag ang asawang nasa loob?

hiwagang di makayang harapin
katotohanang di makayang lunukin.

Lilia F. Antonio

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People for the Planet

By Corazon A. Ong

Photographs by Vicente Carreon

Planting the Good Seed

FEEL that I was given a second wind. I do not know what God wants me to do but I hope I can discern it," Joe Burgos said, talking about his recent brush with death.

A day before last Christmas, Burgos had a heart attack. Three of his arteries, including a major one, were blocked. "I had an angioplasty, which is the process of inserting a tube to flatten the artery. They sort of vulcanized it," explained the former newspaperman and publisher of the Marcos-era opposition paper, *Malaya*. "The two minor arteries were left to heal by themselves. So far, so good. Friends have been very supportive. With lots of prayers, I'm okay."

However, apart from his medication, he still goes for a twice-weekly check-up. "If the condition of the major artery does not improve, I might be hospitalized again for a heart bypass operation."

I last visited Joe at the Land Farm, his 12-hectare farm, in Barangay Tartaro, San Miguel, Bulacan in 2001, with my former boss, Nonong Ataviado, who, like Joe, covered the police beat in his younger days. Joe used to be with the *Herald* and was my boss in the *Bulletin*. They reminisced about the good old days and laughed about their escapades, recalling colleagues long gone.

"I was a police reporter for 15 years before martial law was declared," said Joe. "I've been a newspaperman for 40 years now—I've seen the worst, the good and the bad there is."

Since then, I've lost touch with Joe and his wife, Edith. In March, I e-mailed, asking if I could do another story on Joe. One day, I got a call from Edith. It was only then that I learned of Joe's heart attack.

"I never called up anyone but help came pouring in," Edith said. Through almost nonstop text messaging, Joe's friends, in turn, drove heart surgeon Dr. Erwin Dizon, who was then on duty at the Cardinal Santos Medical Center, to rush to the emergency room of the Philippine Heart Center.

"Thank goodness you're here, Doc," Edith said when she saw the surgeon. "I was flooded with texts from all over so I had to rush over," the doctor said.

Edith believed it was the hand of God at work. "We were supposed to leave our place in Project 6 for the farm at 9 in the morning of December 24. But we woke up late. Had we left as planned, Joe would have driven the car with me and our three grandchildren in tow. If he had the heart attack on the road, I would surely have died first because of anxiety."

Despite the holiday traffic, their son Jay-El managed to get Joe to the Heart Center in five minutes—a route that normally takes 20 to 30 minutes—and of course, the surgeon was also there posthaste. Everything, it seemed, simply fell into place.

"Pagbaba sa kotse, tumumba na si Joe, halos mawalan ng malay," she said (Upon alighting from the car, Joe fell

Long before leisure farming was in vogue, veteran journalist Joe Burgos had made agriculture his passion. A close brush with death reaffirmed the wisdom of living close to the earth

Joe Burgos: "I feel that I was given a second wind"

and almost lost consciousness.)"

Recalled Joe, "I was in pain and feeling numb all over." Edith was holding his hand but she could feel his grip loosening. At the hospital, his ECG did not show anything unusual, but a series of blood tests disclosed that his attack was just peaking.

Dr. Dizon asked Edith's permission to inject Joe with streptokinase, an anti-thrombolytic agent. "There were risks involved, like Joe could hemorrhage leading to a stroke, so I called for a family council meeting where I explained to the children what the doctor told me. I said I'm all for it," Edith said. The five Burgos children—Peachy, Sonny, Jay-Jay, Jay-El and Yayi—went along with their mother's decision.

Joe stayed three weeks in the hospital, including three days in the intensive care unit, spending not only Christmas but also New Year and his birthday at the Heart Center.

When Joe was discharged from the hospital, he was thinner by some 30 lbs. "I cannot eat the way I used to. I can no longer eat my favorite food like *dinengdeng* and *lechon*. I remember telling the hospital staff in jest, *nakaligtas nga ako sa atake pero mamamatay naman ako sa gutom* (I survived the attack but I might die of starvation). Basically, I'm now on a fruit and vegetable diet."

Joe also has to stop smoking, which he has been doing since he was 15. "People have been cooperating. They don't smoke in my presence. Even the farm staff, if they see me coming, they avoid smoking."

Overall, Joe has to slow down in his farming activities. "I used to spend two to three hours or as much as I want walking around the farm. Now, I can only walk once a day." He has also stopped doing the actual planting in the farm. "But it's good that I have this farm where I can recuperate. It's unpolluted," he said. "Unfortunately, we don't have much crops at this time for lack of water."

Joe bought the farm which was raw rough land in 1986. He started to clear it and plant some trees, making it habitable in 1988. Joe sold all his shares in *Malaya*, *Midday* and *Masa* and invested them in the farm, where he and his family decided to live and embrace nature long before it became a fad to do so.

Many have offered and continue to offer Joe tempting deals but he remains firm in his decision not to sell the prop-

erty. "I gave my all to this farm. Besides, I believe that a piece of land does not belong to an individual. It belongs to a generation. It's a legacy I can leave to my children and they, in turn, can leave it to their own children."

The sign at the entrance of the Land Farm captures what Joe believes in and practices in the farm: "You are entering a Peace Zone Violence against all beneficial creatures is prohibited." He was a Jefferson fellow at the East-West Center in Hawaii in 1973, where for six months he engrossed himself in the study of ecology. His love for the environment would be nurtured there and would become a lifelong passion.

"For the first two years that we were on the farm, there was hardly any bird around because the soil was reeking with residues of chemical fertilizers that were used in the rice fields. But slowly, the birds came back," Joe said. Not only native birds flocked to the farm, however, but also migrating birds from China and Siberia, especially the mallards, which consider Land Farm their home from October to early March. "They like to come here because we never harm or shoot them," Joe said.

Indeed, the place is environment friendly, including the rice which Joe produces without pesticide and other chemicals. Customers would call him before the start of the rainy season to reserve and inquire about the rice variety he plans to have.

Joe tries to use traditional varieties such as *pulang bigas* (red rice) and *sinandomeng* in his farm. On the average, he produces 80-100 cavans per hectare and with enough irrigation, can harvest twice a year.

"We should look into biodiversity in the farm," he observed. "We should not sacrifice the traditional, indigenous varieties in exchange for the hybrid ones. Better to reconcile the two and let farmers make the choice." While the produce is low, traditional rice varieties are sturdier and more resistant to pests.

Starting in 1997, Joe opened his farm to schools where, under the Rice Walk program, students in urban areas can get first-hand exposure to farm life, including a walk in the rice fields. "Around 12,000-15,000 students have already visited us through this program. You'd be surprised at how some students can hardly believe that the white rice they

eat and the brown palay in the fields are one and the same thing," Joe said.

Based mostly on his experiences at the Land Farm, Joe has been conducting out-of-town lectures to farmers and farming enthusiasts alike for many years now, an endeavor which he does not plan to give up. "When you plant, you relinquish a part of you in the seed. You imbibe a sense of goodness for you create something good and the creation of something good and useful is what our religion is all about. Thus, when one carresses the soil to let a seed germinate, one feeds the soil and one belongs to the Creator."

Almost a month after he was discharged from the hospital, Joe and wife Edith started their weekly program, "Mula sa Bukid," over Radio Veritas. Aired every Saturday from 4:30-6 a.m., the program is broken into segments touching on farm news and practices, home tips, gardening and interviews with experts.

"I have not written a single word since my attack but you could say that with this radio program, I did not actually leave the profession," Joe said.

Once a newspaperman always a newspaperman and Joe has, of late, been offered to edit a daily. "I'm still thinking about it." (Joe was one of 50 journalists from all over the world—the only Filipino among 10 Asians—honored by the International Press Institute in 2000 in ceremonies held in Boston, New York).

What is definite, however, is the Rice Summit that he and other convenors are planning to have this year. "The summit is a joint effort of farmer groups and agricultural leaders to come up with one particular direction for the farming industry and to convince the government to do something about the rice situation. While the summit is a private initiative, it will also involve the government. When it comes to agriculture, *di puwede ang kanya-kanyang kayod*. Dapat lahat magtulungan (You can't do your own thing. All must cooperate)," Joe said.

When his heart attack came, I asked Joe if he bargained with God. "No, I did not resort to any bargaining," he says with characteristic humor. "*Di naman sira ang ulo ng Diyos. Ano, nasa palengke ka, nagba-bargain? (God is not crazy. Where do you think you are, in the market, haggling?)*"



Joe with wife Edith and grandchildren Migs, Angel and Camille

Controversies

By Lella Salaverria

A Songbird Toughens Up

THREE decades after she achieved celebrity with the jukebox hit "Sayang," the former Karen Carpenter of the Philippines has found new status as public enemy no. 1, as far as the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) is concerned.

Claire had been out of the spotlight after she traded in the microphone for a sheaf of bus tickets, but she's back with a vengeance. This time, she is no longer pining for a lost love, but fighting for a sector she has taken under her wing.

This president of the Integrated Metro Bus Operators Association (Imboa) recently made headlines when she spearheaded a boycott of the color coding scheme that the MMDA had imposed for a week on all public utility vehicles as part of a traffic experiment. The move put her at odds with the equally headstrong MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando.

It also seems totally alien to the sweet image that the former singer parlayed into music success in the '70s when OPM (original Pilipino music) reigned supreme. Today she projects herself as a tough critic vehemently opposed to the MMDA's traffic volume reduction scheme that, she contends, would put a big dent on the income of bus operators and in turn, would affect the salaries of drivers and conductors. Her argument did not wash well with other operators of public utility vehicles, and was subsequently rebuffed by MMDA officials.

An impasse and a truce later, she again declared war against the MMDA when it imposed the coding permanently on all vehicles. The issue ended up in Malacañang, where Claire disputed MMDA claims that under the scheme, bus operators stand to earn more. The traffic agency has agreed to gather more figures to bolster its argument.

It seems a big and unusual leap from being singer to bus operator, but Claire sees the transition as logical, even necessary. Fame and fortune paved the way to her becoming a successful businesswoman, she says. "Singing was something I regarded as a stepping stone," she says. "As a singer, I was a step ahead in anything I wanted to do because I had a name."

Claire was 15 when she bagged the grand prize in the first singing contest she joined. Her winning piece? The Carpenters' "Love Me For What I Am." By that time, the Accounting freshman at the University of the East knew she loved singing and was aware that she sounded like Karen Carpenter after a high school classmate had pointed it out.

Composer George Canseco, the head judge in the contest, gave the singer her first break by having her sing the jingle in a Hope cigarette commercial that became popular for its "imported" sound. What followed was the girl's determined efforts to land a recording contract and make a name for herself.

"I had to introduce myself as the Hope girl because nobody knew who I was," she recalls. She had guts, she says. "Makapal talaga yung mukha ko (I had a lot of nerve)," she says with a hearty laugh. "I'm really a go-getter." Soon enough, she became a household name with her wistful "Sayang."

It was sweet vindication for the girl who, at 9, was an



JIM GUANO PUNZALAN

Erstwhile recording artist Claire dela Fuente has found a new career and a pet cause as the MMDA's nemesis and spokeswoman for bus operators all over the country. Can a political career be far behind?

insecure 200-lb child growing up in Caloocan who suffered taunts from classmates because of her weight. "I used to regard myself as a loser," she reveals.

But one day, instead of retiring into a corner to sulk, Claire had a serious talk with herself. "I told myself that I can no longer go on like this," she recalls. "I have to fight."

Firm in her newfound belief, the youngster discovered her true self and learned to stand up for her principles. In high school, she used that rediscovered feistiness to become an entrepreneur, combing the markets of Divisoria and Quinta for the perfume, make-up and shampoo that she sold to her classmates.

Her initial goal of becoming a busi-

nesswoman was momentarily sidetracked by her music career. Still intent on making it in business because it proved to be more of an adventure for her, Claire left show business in her mid-20s after reaping its financial rewards. She was married by that time, having tied the knot at 19 to a man 10 years her senior.

Out of the recording scene, she would venture into selling surplus goods, running a boutique and supplying clothes to department stores, her biggest client being the Gokongwei-owned Robinsons. Today, this mother of two and self-confessed workaholic juggles her time being a bus operator, managing the Virra Mall and hosting a radio and television show. Her schedule may be hectic but she prefers that to having too much time on her hands, she says. "That's when destructive thoughts enter your mind."

Being good in business, however, did not exempt her from the occasional slump and even failed ventures. In 1993, Claire set up the King of Kings Transport, which had to fold a few years later. It wasn't the lucrative business she had hoped it would be. It was then that she learned a bitter lesson that she never forgot. "I kept in mind what someone once said," she recalls. "Rise where you have fallen. That had an impact on me."

Taking that advice literally, the former singer helped set up the Philippine Corinthian Liner in 1997, a family-owned corporation that now has 173 buses. Three years later, she was elected president of Imboa, whose members make up 70 percent of all bus operators in Metro Manila.

It was also at this time that the outspoken woman found an advocacy worth her while.

As Imboa president, Claire would listen to bus operators pour out their woes

which, she discovered, they were unable to articulate. She then took it upon herself to bring the group's concerns to the authorities.

"They tell me that I'm known to be the most persuasive person in the industry," she says.

In fact, she has a mouthful to say to those who malign the public transport industry.

"We're the most disregarded sector," she gripes. "We hope people would remember that they wouldn't have finished their studies if they didn't use jeepneys. We're there for them until they graduate and find jobs. But when they get rich, it's the first sector they turn their backs on."

She also voices resentment at the perception that the public transport sector is abusive and opportunistic, saying they have sacrificed enough by maintaining their fares at current levels despite the oil price hikes.

With six million members, the public transport industry could easily be a "king-maker" in this country, she says. "We can make someone president of the country. Just imagine how many tricycle drivers there are, how many taxi drivers." She admits that she has thought of using this sector's political potential herself, but so far, has not firmed up her plans.

In the meantime, she vows to continue speaking up for bus operators and the public transport industry. "It's the best thing you can do for yourself," she says. "The only thing a person will always have is the strength of his principles. Never mind if people can't see what you can see. At the end of the day you can say that you didn't fool yourself, that you didn't let yourself be used because you were able to express what's inside you."

It's a tune that Claire dela Fuente plans to sing for a long time to come.



Claire is still remembered by most as a '70s chanteuse

A Hedful of ear Kandi

from Addict Mobile

There was a subdued blue glow that resonated around the vast space of the NBC Tent last Saturday and it wasn't all coming from the lavish high-tech lights that laced the venue. Instead, the massive speakers that lined the perimeter of the tent dripped with such soulful, sexy house music that the subdued glow was in effect a visual of the vibe itself. Thousands of the most beautiful night lovers converged in the NBC Tent for Addict Mobile and Big Fish's Hed Kandi Dance Event – the most sophisticated dance party of the year.

The first thing anyone would notice when you walk into the tent is that the décor and fixtures for the night have been as well thought out as the music. The main bar, located at the center of the tent, was the main gravitational center for socialites to start conversing. There were elevated lounge areas complete with rugs, couches, and fluffy pillows that were positioned on either side of the tent. These areas also served to showcase the beautiful young ladies and gents showing their latest designer gear for everyone to appreciate. Small mini-bars were strategically placed around the perimeter for guests who would rather spend their night unnoticed and on the peripheral. Overall the interior was spacious, cool, and very chic, giving the punters a feeling of a trendy Manhattan nightclub, complete with iced martinis and stunning ladies.

The music that emanated from the massive speakers was refined and tasteful all through the night. DJ Mark Doyle of Hed Kandi, a veteran of many house parties throughout the years, was given free reign to play whatever stylish groove he felt would move the busy dance floor. He started out with some smooth deep house while the

throng of faithful Big Fish clubbers filtered into the tent. As the venue gradually filled to capacity, the DJ upped the tempo and the feel of his set by dropping ultra-funky house cuts that had the rapturous crowd wiggling their hips in jaw-dropping appreciation. As the night drew to a close DJ Mark Doyle handed down some old-school magic as the older, more clued-up crowd felt the love of "their" classic tracks and showed their approval by raising their arms in the air and dancing the night away.

The undoubted main attraction of the night were the people. Young, fashionable, and packing bucket loads of attitude, this Addict Mobile event teemed with a crowd full of vitality and beauty. The crowd was still busy checking out the Addict Mobile booth when the music started. In fact the booth was one of the busiest sections of the venue as hordes of mobile phone enthusiasts inquired about the service's numerous features. Those who made their way into the tent were so obviously into the music, as they lost no time getting into the swing of things. Everywhere you looked bodies gyrated to the groove and smiles were gleamed to friends and acquaintances like flash bulbs from paparazzi. It was evident that another great party had just happened because of all the people who showed up at the official after party. DJ Kevin Ruiz and DJ TC played together with four decks and two mixers to a massive crowd in Whereelse? There wasn't much room to maneuver as the intimate club struggled to hold the thousands of people who came from the tent.

The Hed Kandi event in the NBC Tent last weekend was a smashing success in more ways than one. The interior and fixtures were superbly

designed while the music was of the highest quality throughout. Ultimately the way this event distinguished itself was through the quality of the crowd and the fun that ensued from such a crowd. Like any good party that we've thrown in the past, the most vital measure of success has always been how much fun your guests had.

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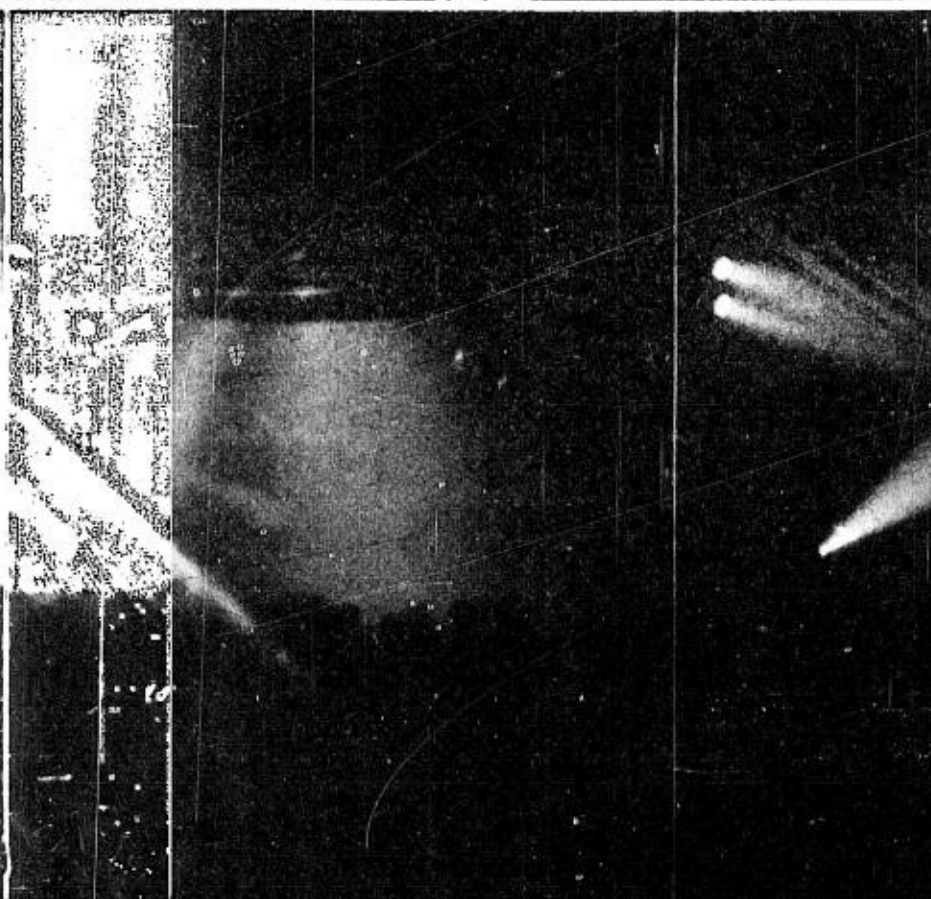
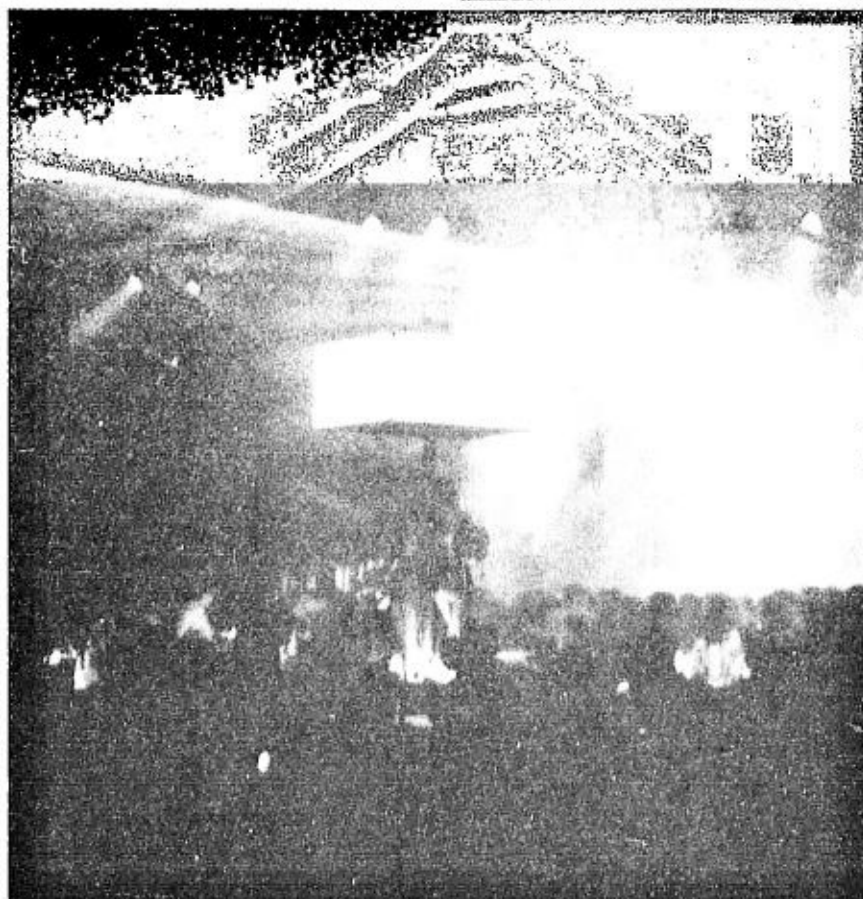
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In Memoriam

By Alya B. Honasan

Soldier of the Sea

IN THE home of Sixto Atienza in Bagong Silang, near Calatagan, Batangas, there are a few terracotta pots waiting to hold the amiable barangay captain's small collection of orchids. "He had just bought them, saying that he would transfer the orchids there when the rainy season came," sighs his wife Edna in the heavily accented Tagalog of full-blooded Batangueños. "Now they will never be used."

Ka Sixto, the well-loved barangay captain of Bagong Silang, chairman of the highly effective Bantay Dagat unit of Calatagan and the director of Bay Watch, a network of Bantay Dagat units in six sites along the Batangas coast, was shot in cold blood at around 1 in the morning of May 3, after delivering a speech during a town fiesta in Calatagan. He was shot twice in the head, and died instantly in front of his wife and other companions. The gunman has not been caught, but initial reports say he was not alone, and the killing was well-planned. "He was already sleeping at home, when he woke up and remembered he had to show himself at the fiesta," says Edna of that night, with a tinge of regret. "He was needed there, he said."

Ka Sixto's story is not new, and he is not the first environmental martyr in the Philippines, where unsung heroes court danger everyday to defend our last remaining forests and marine sanctuaries against businessmen with plenty of money and no scruples. It is noteworthy, however, because Ka Sixto was a man who put his heart into his job, a job he did very well. It is a story of how some people think nothing of taking a human life to protect their illegitimate interests. And it is a story of how it is still possible for a man to be ready to die for what he thinks is right.

At the time of his death, 44-year-old Ka Sixto Mendoza Atienza led a group of volunteer fishermen called the Bantay Dagat in patrolling the waters of Calatagan. They protected their coastline against dynamite and cyanide fishing and commercial fishing vessels operating in municipal waters that are supposed to be the domain of hook-and-line fishermen. "Before he was even deputized as Bantay Dagat in June 2001, because he was barangay captain, he was already doing the work," recalls Mien Custodio, Calatagan's fisheries technologist. "And as far as he was concerned, his job was making sure the law was obeyed."

The conscientious public official was also founder of the Calatagan Radio Network, which jumped to the aid of residents in times of disaster and other needs. "Everytime anybody had a problem—*may nanganak, may namatay* (someone gave birth, somebody died)—they would run to him," says Custodio, who became good friends with Ka Sixto in the two years they worked closely together, sharing the same humble office space. "I know that, because sometimes he would text or call me to help buy a coffin, or to tell me he was in a delivery room in a hospital somewhere. All the fishermen had his cellphone number, and he told them to text him to report anything, any time of day."

The irony was, Ka Sixto was not a fisherman; he made a living as a real estate agent. He had also made some money after working as an overseas contract worker in Iraq for four years. "That's how we were able to send our children to school," says Edna. The Atienzas have six children, five girls and a boy, ranging in age from 8 to 22. The eldest graduated recently with a psychology degree, a milestone that had Ka Sixto bursting at the seams with pride.

Yet, as Custodio recalls, he was very concerned about the state of the municipal waters. "He would tell the fishermen during meetings, 'I am not a fisherman but I know your problems, and I want to help you.'" His labors apparently bore fruit. Before the Bantay Dagat began patrolling the area, some fishermen complained that their nightly catch would be zero. "Now, they can bring home as much as 20-25 kilos a day," Custodio says. "Sometimes when we would patrol the seas at night, fishermen would wave at us, come near and give us some fish. It was their way of thanking him for helping protect their livelihood." Even if the Bantay Dagat job was purely voluntary, "Ka Sixto would say he only had to hear the fishermen saying thank you, and he didn't mind not having a salary."

He had always been "super bait" and a diligent worker, confirms Edna, Ka Sixto's wife of 26 years. Both Batangas natives, they had met as students at the Calatagan Institute High School when Ka Sixto was a high school senior and the former Edna Alumno only a freshman. She was only 16 when they got married, he was 17, and it was his good heart that won her over. "We lived in many different houses, first in his father's fields where we looked after livestock, and later nearer to the city when he worked abroad." It was only after Ka Sixto's stint abroad that they were able to have their own house built.

He often spent more time at work than at home, leav-

ing after breakfast at around 7:30 a.m. and returning in the afternoon. "He used to say that the barangay captain who came after him would be lucky, because he would have done all the work and built the roads," Edna says. When he wasn't working, he liked to tend his orchids, lie around the house, or eat his favorite *pansit* and *kare-kare*, Edna recalls. "He was a very good father, not like other fathers you couldn't trust with your children. I remember when we went to our oldest daughter's graduation. On the way back in the car, two of our daughters fell asleep on his shoulders. He was very sweet, always hugging and kissing them."

His was not an easy job, and in doing it, Ka Sixto earned the ire of many an environmental criminal. Since Bantay Dagat began its active enforcement in the municipal waters of Calatagan in 2001, Atienza and members of the Bantay Dagat had arrested and successfully convicted dynamite fishers and commercial fishers from their own and neighboring municipalities. But they had also reportedly received several death threats through text messages, including an anonymous text that said

"*hanggang piyesta ka na lang*" (You only have until the fiesta to live), and at times through ominous warnings such as delivered packages of dead fish.

Edna had repeatedly asked her husband to quit his volunteer work, as she feared for his safety. "His answer was, 'I would be happy to die in the line of duty.'"

"That's what he always said," seconds Custodio. "He said it was hard to give up his principles, and he really meant it."

Today, still grieving from the loss—"Naloloka kami" (We're going crazy from grief)—Edna understandably wants revenge. "If the killer is ever caught, I want him to say who ordered this done. Then they should kill him, too, otherwise we will never be safe. *Buhay ang inutang nila, dapat buhay din ang kabayaran* (They took a life, they must pay with a life)." Now her main worry is that Ka Sixto's dream of seeing all his children finish college will never come true.

Ka Sixto was buried last May 7 after a *Parangal ng Bayan* at the town's covered court led by Gov. Hermilando Mandanas and Mayor Peter Oliver Palacio, and at-

tended by about 2,000 people whose lives Ka Sixto had touched. On May 30, scuba-divers are laying an artificial reef in Batangas in Ka Sixto's memory.

Although Ka Sixto's death has demoralized and created fear among the volunteers—there are rumors that four more Bantay Dagat members are being targeted—many groups are crying for the Philippine National Police to hasten its investigation and for the Provincial and Municipal leadership to create a fact-finding team and make available resources, such as reward money, for those who can help identify the killers.

On several occasions, sitting in the office shared by the Bantay Dagat and the Agriculture department, Mien Custodio recalls how Ka Sixto would talk about his dreams. "He was hoping that Calatagan would be okay and there would be no more illegal fishermen in five years. He said, 'I hope the people who are angry at us now will one day understand why we have to do this.'"

Many are also hoping, Ka Sixto, that the people who killed you will one day realize just what they have taken away. □



Giong

When word filtered back that G was making a living tending bar in New York while studying at the legendary Lee Strasberg acting school, local showbiz pundits shook their heads. Here, G was a big fish in a small pond; why be a small fish in a big pond (even if it is the big pond)?

"But the ultimate goal is to be a big fish in a big pond," she retorts. "I've always been a dreamer. I have this ambition and this is what I really want to do. I want to do film in America. Not studio or commercial films—that's not the main goal—I want to be able to start out like everybody else, do independent films, meet filmmakers and really immerse myself in film culture."

That may sound funny coming from someone who's done over 20 commercial feature films. The fact that none of them readily spring to mind (except maybe Joey Reyes' "*Luksong Tinik*," which won her a best supporting actress award) may have something to do with it.

"The offers that were coming to me weren't challenging," says G. "They weren't things I wanted to put my name on. I really felt stereotyped as this sexy actress, and most of the producers were constantly trying to take my clothes off! I was very adamant about not accepting these roles because I felt that I had made it to a point where I didn't have to do that."

There is a built-in demand in local movies for a good-looking mestiza. Trouble is, it's always the same role—the good-looking mestiza—whether it's a comedy, action film or drama.

"I don't want to be the leading lady, the girl running around, doing the kissing scene and the love scene—all those formula things I want to break away from. I don't want to be put in a box. I want to be part of a film that I know will go places."

The showbiz grind was also wearing her down, she admits. At the time she was appearing in three weekly TV shows, and the constant taping, the pressure to "strike while the iron is hot" and make money, the gossip and intrigues and the suffocating small world of local show business were taking their toll.

"*Lumalaki na masyado ang ulo ko*" (I was getting overwhelmed), she admits. "I was very short-tempered around people because I was doing the same thing over and over and I was surrounded by the same people... It

Art

Tints and Tones, a group exhibit by members of the Art Discovery and Learning Foundation Inc., at the Vargas Museum, UP Diliman until May 27.

The Wild Touch, an exhibit of Dionisio Gonzales' oil on canvas paintings, until May 31 at the Food and Art Gallery, 12/F GTY Tower, Ayala Avenue cor. Dela Rosa Street, Makati City.

Social Reality, Kiko Escora's large-scale diptychs and other pieces on the surreal and dark nuances in human condition, until May 31 at the SM Megamall Art Center.

Dualities, an exhibit of abstracts by Pep Manalang at Finale Art Gallery, 4/L, SM Megamall A until June 1.

Abstract artist Lindslee is exhibiting his new works in mixed media on paper titled **Cause and Effect** at The Drawing Room, Metrostar Building, 1007 Metropolitan Avenue, Makati City until June 4.

Breathing Space, an exhibit of abstract landscapes by Jermina at the Big & Small Art Co., SM Megamall from May 21 to June 2.



Onstage

Gantimpala Theater Foundation presents its **Summer Theater Workshop Culminating Recital** on May 30, 4 p.m. (Children's Theater Class) and on May 31, 6 p.m. (Basic Acting for Teens and Young Adults Class). Both recitals are at the Concert at the Park Auditorium, Luneta, Manila. The Children's Class recital is "Magellan and His Guide" while The Basic Acting for Teens and Young Adults recital is "Katy!" For details, call 528-0603.

Lindslee's "Cause and Effect" at The Drawing Room

Cinema

Roman Polanski **Retrospective** at UP-CIS will feature "Repulsion" (1965), "Fearless Vampire Killers" (1967), and "Chinatown" (1974) on May 31 at 1 p.m. at UP-CIS, Diliman, Quezon City. For details, call 920-5301 local 6463 (Joseph), or Maxie (751-1169).

The critically acclaimed digital film **Angels** will have additional screenings on the cable channel Cinema One (Ch. 22, SkyCable) on June 4, 4:30 p.m., June 17, 6:30 p.m., and June 28, 2:30 p.m. The movies stars Gina Alajar and Nonie Buenacaminio. Child actor Michael Angelo Caangay gives an outstanding performance as Jonathan.

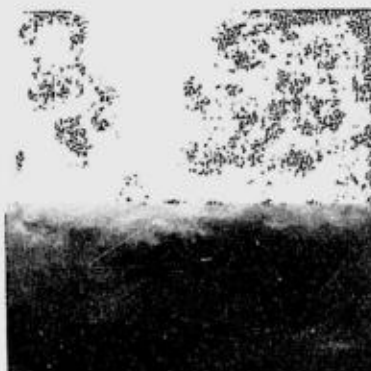
Food

Every last Friday of the month from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., join all gourmands and wine lovers when they gather at The Tivoli to take part in **Mandarin Oriental's Nights of Wine and Fine Dining**. For P1,900++/person, indulge in a delectable eight-course meal complemented with endless glasses of fine wines from the world's most reputable vineyards. Reservations can be made directly at 750-8888 extension 2433.

An **Australian Lamb Festival** is taking place at InterContinental Manila's Prince Albert Rotisserie until May 31. Lamb meat at its tenderest and juiciest will be served in many ways a la carte available for lunch Monday to Friday and for dinner Monday to Saturday. For reservations, call 815-9711 loc. 262.

Dusit Hotel Nikko's Thien Duong Vietnamese Restaurant features the diverse flavors of authentic Vietnamese cuisine in a unique and interesting blend of Asian and French tastes and textures. For this month, Thien Duong adds **Thang Long Vietnamese Hot Pot** to its menu selection for lunch or dinner. Guests may savor a delectable variety of seafood, chicken, pork, vegetables and glass noodles cooked the traditional Vietnamese way. For inquiries, call 867-3333 ext. 3354.

Delight in the cool summer cocktail drink of the month, **Sip N' Cuddle**, at the Restaurant Riviera of The Heritage Hotel. Savor the sweetness with every sip of this gubano, mango and corn



"Moved" by Jermina on exhibit at the Big & Small Art Co.

For this week's bands and schedules call:

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Pinoy Ng!

By Jess Abrera



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Businessmaker Academy will hold seminars on **Effective Business Writing** on May 30 and **Create and Deliver Spectacular Presentations** on May 31 at the Tekkita, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For inquiries, call 687-4445 or 687-3416.

Viva Mineral Water presents a series of concerts and fashion shows called **Vitalicious: The Shape and Sound of Summer**. Catch performances from Nina, Malik, the AKA Fellas, Karylle and the Manoeuvres and the latest in fashion from Levi's and Dockers at Eastwood City Walk on May 30, 7 p.m., and at The Village in Cebu on June 13, 7 p.m. For details, call Executive Decisions at 413-6436 to 37.

The Servants of the Holy Spirit Catholic Community will hold a **Family Encounter Weekend** at Our Lady of Manaoag Shrine, Pandi, Bulacan. The seminar will start Friday evening of May 30 and will end on June 1. The Family Encounter Weekend is an experience designed to help members of the families communicate more intimately with one another. It offers the family a chance to rekindle and affirm each family member's love and relationship with one another. For inquiries, call Letty Pimentel 658-2154, 0919-3512455; Cez Hernandez 0919-3288228; Goy Hernandez 9274415, 0918-9278865 or Jerry Hernandez 926-3002.

Call for entries for **.MOV Digital Film Festival 2004** to be held on January 9-16, 2004 at Cebu City. Submit preview tapes in VHS (NTSC) format. Features must be more than 80 minutes; short films must be less than 10 minutes. There are no restrictions aside from the filmmaker being Filipino, and that the film has been shot in digital video and/or has utilized the digital technology immensely. Deadline for submission is October 13. No entry fees. Entry forms available at www.mov.moviespage.com and at the .MOV Digital Film Secretariat c/o Filmless Films, Unit 1817, 18th Floor, Herrera Tower, Herrera corner Valero Streets, Legaspi Village, Makati City 1227. For inquiries, email oracafe@rocketmail.com or contact 813-2516, 813-2662, 0916-3562551.

WorldTeach's **Teaching with Style** seminar-workshop will be held on May 31, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the ACCM Building, 102 Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City. Limited slots available. Seminar fee is

Pilgrimage



Sip 'N' Cuddle, Heritage Hotel's Drink of the Month

For inquiries, call 843-5341 and 813-7420. Jag Jeans is holding a **back-to-school** sale at the lobby of all SM Super Malls until June 9. Enjoy up to 50 percent discount on all Jag items—from classic Jag style and the hip Jag Thug and Lady Thug to the stylish Jag Kids collection.

X-manila

Artcetera will hold its **1st Artcetera Art Exhibit and Recognition Day** on May 31, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at Artcetera, 368 B. Morada Avenue, Lipa City, Batangas. The exhibit will feature artworks by Artcetera students (3 years old and above) and in-house artists. Workshops offered for kids, teens and adults are painting, cartooning, portraiture, guitar, keyboards, drums, voice, public speaking, ballroom dancing; Academic tutorials for elementary and high school (English, Math and Science). Enrollment is ongoing. For details, call (043) 312-2573 or (0916)785-3735 (Tintin or Boyet).

This month, it's Albay's turn to celebrate **Magayon Festival**, the province's annual fiesta celebration, showcasing all the best features of Albay—from its historical attractions, natural wonders, cultural heritage, spicy and coconut-based cuisine, thriving industries to its warm and friendly people. A must-see activity is the **Sili-Eating Contest** on May 30 at Peñaranda Park. The winner will attempt to equal, if not, break the Guinness World Record of 300 scorching sili in one sitting by reigning sili king Roberto Gonzales of Camalig, Albay. There will also be a search for the prettiest lady of Albay in the **Daragang Magayon Coronation Night** at Albay Astrodome, a **Jobs Fair** (May 26-27), **Bicol Open Billiards Tournament** (May 26-27) and **Regional Open Dama Tournament** (May 25).

G Tongi...from page 6

was always about the next project. I was so busy working like a dog that, if I missed out on one day of work, I felt like I wasn't on top of my career."

Getting away from all that was a relief.

For a time, G lost herself in the giddy whirl of being in The Big Apple—bright lights, big city. Then her money ran out and she had to look for a job. Luckily, she had the foresight to go to bartending school as well as Lee Strasberg, so she quickly landed a job tending bar in the West Village.

"New York really humbled me, especially taking the subway, walking for miles and eating a hot dog on the street. There's a certain rawness and you really discover yourself. It made me a real person."

"You know, I'm turning 25 in June," she continues. "I'm a full-grown woman now. For the first time in my life, I can actually say that. I think I've really grown in the two years, nine months that I've been away, more than I ever did in the seven years I lived in Manila."

"I was really spoiled here," she adds. "I never had to hustle. I was offered everything—I never had to go after anything MTV Asia was the first and only audition I had ever done. I sort of got by because of how I looked, which is very sad."

Recently, G moved to Los Angeles to be closer to the beating heart of the film industry. "I live in a great area in West Hollywood, a stone's throw away from the Sunset Strip and walking distance from Sta. Monica Boulevard."

In the time-honored tradition of aspiring actresses in Hollywood, she survives by waitressing while waiting for auditions and casting calls, and sharing a flat.

"If I was rich enough, I'd be able to get my own flat," she says. "But I'm not. I'm a struggling actress, that's what I am, and I've come to terms with it. I feel like I'm really living my life and I'm loving every minute of it, no matter how hard I'm struggling and how tired my feet are from waitressing and bartending."

Waitresses get minimum wage—\$6.75 an hour. But the tips are good, specially for a good-looking, articulate, exotic Eurasian, and she needs every bit to pay the rent, the car payments and the insurance. In many ways, her life isn't that different from that of

any OFW trying to make it abroad.

"Yeah, I guess you could say that," she says. "I'm very proud of what I do. I'm not ashamed to tell everybody that, yes, I'm struggling, but it's worth it because it's real. It's a real life. Unlike here, you get lost in it. *Hindi na totoo ang buhay dito lalo na kung artista ka*. (Life here isn't real, especially if you're an actress.) You're adored, but it's not real."

Fortunately, G still gets to have the best of both worlds in many ways. As image model for Freeway clothes, she gets to come home once in a while to promote the brand, as well as to renew ties with the local showbiz world that she hasn't left entirely behind. (This time around, she attended the Urian Awards and appeared on several TV shows.) With her face and figure plastered on billboards all over Metro Manila, it's almost like she never left.

But for now, her sights are set on getting back to LA. It's still anybody's guess whether she'll make it in Hollywood, but somehow, that's almost secondary.

"I'm a changed woman," she declares. "I view things differently. My priorities are different."

"Who knows what will happen in America?" she asks. "I might find myself back in school, which I intend to do. I might open up a business and change my life completely. That's what's so exciting: I'm at that point in my life where I don't know what's going to happen. It's worth living for and makes me appreciate life more."

Lately, G says she's been doing a lot of yoga. She's also been reading more, educating herself. She has an eye on enrolling in a modest community college, perhaps getting a degree in film.

"The best advice I can give anyone—especially someone with ambition and drive—is to have faith," she says. "Faith that if you believe in something so much, the universe will conspire to make it happen."

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LOCATIONS	DATES	LOCATIONS	DATES
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Podium	May 19-31	Xcite	May 23- 24, 30-31, June 6-7
		Sports Avenue.	May 23
		DAVAO:	
		Galsano Mall	May 22- 31
		The Venue	May 23-24, 30-31, June 6-7
		CEBU:	
		Ayala Center Cebu c/o Audionet	May 22- 31
		Vudu Lounge	May 23- 24, 30-31
		BACOLOD:	
		Robinsons	May 23-31

Note:

- The Monthly Service Fee (MSF) is inclusive of VAT & FCA (Foreign Currency Adjustment).
- Free Minute allocation will cover calls made from Addict Mobile to SMART, Addict Mobile to other GSM operators and Addict Mobile to non-NDD landline.
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